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# **King: Peace treaty** follows resolution of common agenda issues

Jordan hopes for progress on other tracks leading to comprehensive Mideast peace

the French president covered

the lifting of the UN embargo

ou Iraq, the King said: "We discussed a wide range of topics. I consider President

Mitterrand an old friend

whom I deeply respect as a

brother who proved his stand

in the difficult circumstances

which Jordan had faced in the

PARIS (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday said that a Jordanian Israeli peace treaty could be signed soon follow-ing the completion of negotiations on all important issues contained in the com-

Speaking to reporters in Paris after meeting at the Elysee Palace with French President Francois Mitter-rand, King Hussein said that when the Jordanian and Israeli teams end all the negotiations there will be a peace treaty crowning the

"We hope that there will also be progress along the other tracks so that the aspired comprehensive peace can be attained," the King

"As for Jordan, we are involved in a negotiating pro-cess that promises well in view of the good atmosphere - but there is a lot of issues that are still to be addressed before we arrive at the signing of a peace treaty," the

The methods followed on the other tracks entailed first signing a document, then the negotiations took place, but we choose to start with the negotiations first to reach final solutions before attaining a peace treaty," King Hussein

Turkish businessmen

NICOSIA (AFP) — Turkish

businessmen have signed a

protocol to cooperate with

Iraq in trade, industry, trans-

port and communication, the

official Iraqi News Agency

INA reported Wednesday.

The businessmen represent-

mg Turkey's chambers of

commerce and industry inked

the deal with Iraq industry

undersecretary

ministry undersecretar Abdul Kader Abdul Rahman

said INA, monitored in Nico-

sia. The protocol also pro-

vides for the creation of a joint chamber of commerce.

The 60-strong delegation left Iraq on Tuesday after a four-

day visit, pledging to work for an end to the U.N.

embargo on Baghdad that has been in force since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August 1990, INA reported.

Germany opens mission

JERICHO, West Bank (AP)

- Germany on Wednesday

opened a representative

office in Jericho, the first

country to set up a mission in

the Palestiman autonomy

areas. The office will mainly

oversee the spending of Ger-man aid to the Palestinians,

some \$200 million through

1998, said Theodor Wallau,

director-general of the Ger-

man foreign ministry. "This

is neither an embassy nor a

consulate," said Mr. Wallau,

referring to the clause in the Israeli-Palestinian autonomy

accord under which Israel re-

mans in control of Palesti-

nian foreign policy. Sach Erakat, a minister in the

Palestinian self-rule govern-

ment, said he hoped the

opening of the mission would

eventually lead to higher-level representation. "As

Palestinians, we have taken

ristion is one of such steps. I

hope the day will come when

we will be inaugurating a

Germany embassy in the Palestinian capital."

evel representation.

very few steps on a very long road," Mr. Erakar told about 200 guests attending the opening coremony. "The inanguration of the German resistance of the German

in autonomy area

sign Iraq deal

# Rabin threatens halt to authority transfer

France cancels \$4.6m of debt

PARIS (AFP) - France has decided to cancel 25 million

francs (\$4.6 million) of Jordan's debt by converting it into vocational training programmes, Economics Minister Edmond Alphandery announced Wednesday.

At the end of a luncheon for King Hussein hosted by Prime Minister Edouard Ballachur, Mr. Alphandery said

that he would also brief the King on the draft Franco-

Jordanian financial protocol for next year, bearing on an

In addition, he said he would propose having the French

Treasury take part in financing cooperation agreements

between French and Jordanian companies. "Here too, we

will provide an interesting contribution," he said.

Mr. Alphandery, who beld a working meeting with King

Hussein Wednesday afternoon, commented that "We're

going to make a very exceptional effort to reflect Jordan's

role in the peace process and also to take account of the observance of Jordan's commitments to the Cluh of Paris."

French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe, who also attended the luncheon, noted that France "had made a very great

effort on rescheduling" Jordan's foreign debt last June

within the Club of Paris. "France played a considerable

role in the total debt forgiveness, accounting for 22 per

Mr. Juppe added that France had been "highly satisfied with the recent Israeli-Jordanian declaration." He said "It

is an important step along the road to peace, and we

amount 'on the order of 80 million francs.'

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israel will halt any further transfers of power in the West Bank if the Palestinian anthority does not move against violence by Islamic extremists, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Wednesday.

cent," he said.

"Security considerations will be the dominant factor in deciding the timing," Mr. Rabin said. The two sides have yet to agree on a timetable for the agreement signed this week to transfer health. education, social services and taxation in the West Bank to the self-rule government.

Officials said they did not expect the Palestinians to stamp out all violence, but at least make the maximum effort to jail the assailants.

past."
"I sincerely hope that the

sufferings of the Iraqi people

will end soon and hope to see Iraq serving as part of the world community and part of the peace in the Middle East

On French economic aid to

(Continued on page 12)

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said that Israel has given Palestinian authorities the names of suspects Israel believes were behind the most recent slavings.

"I haven't heard of anyone being brought to court or justice," the minister from the dovish Meretz bloc told the Associated Press.

(Continued on page 12)



His Majesty King Hussein waves as he is flanked by French President Francois Mitter-

rand upon his arrival at the Elysee Palace Wednesday (AFP photo)

## **IRA** declares 'complete' ceasefire

BELFAST (Agencies) — The outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA) Wednesday annonnced a "complete cessation" of violence in Northern Ireland beginning midnight, paving the way for a possible end to 25 years of sectarian bloodshed.

The historic ceasefire, announced in a statement released here, was unambiguous, naconditional and open-ended, observers said. British Prime Minister John Major said in a statement he was "greatly encouraged" hy the IRA declara-"But we need to be clear that this is indeed intended to be a permanent renunciation of violence, that is to say, for good," Mr. Major said.

Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynoids called the announcement "unequivocal," saying "we are on the bruik of a new bea Ireland is entering a new

The IRA statement said "there will be a complete cessation of military operations ... all our units have been instructed accordingly.

"We are ... entering into a new situation in a spirit of determination and confidence that the injustices which created this conflict will be removed," said the IRA statement.

The Northern Ireland conflict has claimed 3,167 lives and left some 36,500 injured in a quarter century of sectarian killings.

The ceasefire announcement, which had been expected for 48 hours, would appear to satisfy the demands of last December's Anglo-Irish declaration which offered the IRA's political wing Sinn Fein a place in peace talks once the outlawed IRA permanently renounced violence.

That pact, known as the Downing Street Declaration. said Sinn' Fein would be embraced in the peacemaking fold once the ceasefire endured at least three

The declaration also stipulated that the people of Northern Ireland, which is now predominantly Protestant, would ultimately deter-mine whether the province remains part of the United Kingdom, or reverts to the Irish Republic.

There was a swift response from the loyalist paramilitary groups, who gave no hint that they would halt their own violence.

The Combined Loyalist Military Command — the umhrella group which includes the outlawed Ulster Freedom Fighters and the Ulster Volunteer Force said, "the CLMC wish to make it clear that we will not be dancing to the pannationalist tune.'

It urged Democratic Unionist Party leader the Rev. Ian Paisley and Ulster Unionist leader James Molyneaux to meet with British Prime Minister John Major and return to Northern Ireland to "let our people know the truth."

However, observers were optimistic over the CLMC reaction. The Protestant militants have previously dismissed such ceasefire announcements as traps.

"I hope the anthors of the statement mean what they say - that it is a permanent, total, complete cessation of terrorism," said Mr. Molyneaux, who was scheduled to meet with Mr. Major mid-afternoon.

The IRA would have to hand over their weapons, he said, adding, "How are they going to justify retaining the weapons of war if they have

stopped the war. That is the question the IRA have got to

Ulster Unionist MP William Ross of Londonderry said his reaction was "deep, deep suspicion," adding that anyone who took the IRA's ceasefire statement at face value would be "very foolish indeed.'

The IRA announcement talks about complete cessation of military operations, it doesn't say that cessation is permanent," said Mr. Ross. Gerry Adams, president of the IRA's Sinn Fein political

wing, said the ceasefire "created an inprecedented opportunity which hrings Anglo-Irish relations to a decisive point.

"It is an historic day," he said. "John Major and the leaders of (Protestant) Unionism should seize the mo-

He said Sinn Fein would be looking for an immediate response from the British government that would include the lifting of the hroadcasting ban on Sinn Fein members introduced in October 1988.

Even before the declaration, there had been positive signs that it would be taken seriously, including an announcement by the U.S. government that it was prepared to pump millions of dollars of aid into the province to rehuild its crippled infrastructure and economy

President Clinton spoke by telephone Wednesday with Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds and British Prime Minister John Major soon after the Irish Republican Army declared a ceasefire, the White House said.

Mr. Clinton made the calls from Martha's Vineyard where he is vacationing, apparently from a sports utility vehicle in his motorcade.

## Majali: Jordan seeks compatible peace

prehensive security and region-violating the common agen-al cooperation based on com- da."

should fully identify with its minate in a peace treaty. gains and pains," Dr. Majali To get the talks moving. World Affairs Council.

Dr. Majali, in a lecture tour in the United States, told the

"Our ceaseless quest for peace does not derive its strength from purely philo-sophical tendencies," he said, adding that "our story in Jor- Hussein alerted the Jordanian dan has been a continuous people of what was coming, strife to walk the critical line that separates between survival and decent living, between this matter." Dr. Majali said, cold war and regional antagonism, and herween war and

Dr. Majali held Israel re-

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime ing the agenda for the talks in Minister Abdul Salam Majali Washington on Sept. 14 last has said that democracy, com- year, saying Israel "insisted on

patibility of living standards for He said Israel wanted to all peoples of the area are the negotiate boundaries as part of pillars of peace which Jordan is a peace treaty though the agenda slipulated the boundary "Lasting peace is a product issue was among the items of the grassroots and they which once resolved would cul-

To get the talks moving, he aid in a speech he delivered said, Jordan proposed that the Tuesday at the Los Angeles two countries sign agreements over issues that they succeed in The prime minister said that resolving after Israel rejected each party should present a an earlier proposal that would convincing ledger to its people consider the resolving of the n order to show them that boundary issue "a constructive peace will leave them better step towards the cultivation of

The prime minister said the "honesty and openness" of His Los Angeles council that Jor- Majesty King Hussein rallied dan is seeking a peace which public opinion hehind the future generations would accept progress registered in the lordanian-Israeli track of the

negotiations.
"Before progress was registered on the Jordanian track this summer, his Majesty King His honesty and openness rallied the public hehind him in

The prime minister noted that King Hussein's visit to Washington in July signalled the entrance of the Jordaniansponsible for the slow progress Israeli track into a new era, in the Jordanian-Israeli track free of fear and myth. (For full of the negotiations after sign- text of the speech, see page 7).

# Jordan to attend Cairo conference

AMMAN (J.T.) - Jordan family and the environment. Wednesday officially announced that it will partici-U.N. World Population Conference to be held in Cairo between Sept. 5 and 13. An official delegation led hy Lahonr Minister Khaled Ghzawi will represent

Jordan at the meeting. The announcement was made by Mr. Ghzawi during a meeting chaired by Her Royal Highness Princess Basma and attended hy the Jordanian delegation members and a number of officials concerned with population issues in the private and public sectors.

Addressing the meeting, held at the Queen Alia Fund for Social Development. Princess Basma said that Jordan deals with all population issues in a manner that conforms to the Islamic faith, Islamic teachings, traditions and Jordanian values.

The Jordanian delegation to the conference, she said, would focus attention on Jordanian efforts to pursue development and protect the

Mr. Ghzawi reviewed the Jordanian working paper to ence reaffirming that its contents would constitute the terms of reference for the Jordanian delegation as it reflects the official Jordanian position regarding population-related policies.

The working paper, he said, addresses three aspects related to comprehensive development of population acti-

The first aspect, he noted deals with Jordan's political concern at the private and the public sector levels in all activities related to population. The second covers the principles in which Jordan helieves.

According to the minister the third aspect of the Jordanian paper reflects the Kingdom's commitment to ensuring the provision of health. education, social, economic and other services to the oublic. He said this also includes women's right to participate in socio-economic development (See stories on page 2).

By Nermeen Murad

Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN - Did the famous Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, better known in the West as "Carlos the Jackal," ever live in Amman during his years of sojourn in the Middle East?

Government and security officials would not he drawn into answering this question, but according to eyewitnesses, "Carlos" was regularly seen in Amman during a certain period between 1991 and 1992. although one of them knew who he actually was at the

The Jordanian officials would neither confirm nor deny that "Carlos" was ever in Amman, saying only that those witnesses who "saw" him might have in fact seen "look alikes." But eyewitnesses appear sure that they positively identified the picture that was published following

known and talked to around town "It is him, I have no doubt in my mind," says a 44-year-old businessman,

Carlos' arrest in Sudan as

that of the man they had

of "Carlos" as that of a middle-aged man who often sat at a corner in one of Jahal Amman's restaurants.

The man went by the name of Mourad Aziz, the same name that international reports claimed was his while in Amman, according to Mr. K. and

other sources.
"Mr. Aziz" who at times said he was an "Arab diplomat" and at other times "university professor" or simply a "wandering intellectual" did "not look like a murderer or terrorist to me," Mr. K says. "He was so sophisticated and charming that it was hard to imagine him was a ruthless

Hard information about what "Carlos" did in Amman, and for how long he stayed here, was difficult to obtain, although those who know "Aziz" rather well believed he lived in an apartment in the hilly Rabia area, hetween Shmeisani and Jabal Am-

An "acquaintance," who spoke to the Jordan Times on condition of anonymity.

mixed with as an Arab diplomat avoided talking about politics generally hut had once mentioned to her that he did at one point in his life receive military training in Cuba.

"He said that be knew (Cuban President) Castro and had trained with the special forces in Cuba," the woman said. "It was probably stupid of me not to have paid particular attention to that piece of fact," she added ruefully.

Eyewitnesses at the Jabal Amman restaurant which he frequented remember that Carlos, who would ask friends to call him "Abu Elias", used to bring "His wife" and little "danghter" there. 'His daughter always carried her doll with her and he used to give her

a lot of attention. None of the acquaintances could remember the name of the wife or daughter especially that she suddealy stopped showing up at the restaurant and "Abu Elias" started frequenting the place with other young women who, he claimed, were his "cousins."

Eventually, however, his

one who apparently stayed with him for the rest of the time in Amman. This friend, later identified by the Lebanese Al Hawadeth magazine as his wife, was called "Lana."

A French newspaper on Tuesday published what it said was an interview with Carlos, in which he said that he was "primarily a family man."

"I do not understand, my character is simple, I am above all a family man, Carlos was quoted as saying. "My wife and daughter live in the most normal fashion in a house just next door to my mother."

Carlos, according to this "interview" was apparently unhappy with reports that he was an "alcoholic and a womaniser."

"Why are they trying to pass me off as an alcoholic? All this is false, I have never been a drinker," the report quoted him as

saying.
The "acquaintances" in Amman remember "Murad Azzz" as someone "who appreciated good food, good wine and the good life," as one of them

But none of them remembered him as a heavy drinker or someone who behaved strangely towards people.
"He was a very classy

man," one eyewitness said. "He used to greet women by kissing their hands and always behaved like he was a man of the world." He often approached

people during dinner at the Jahal Amman restaurant and asked them whether they liked what they ordered and whether they recommend that he order the same thing.

On the other hand, at least two people remember him frequenting a four-star hotel's fitness centre or its swimming pool. "I remember him as a

flamboyant 40-plus man who was always accompanied by a petite brunette." a 35-year-old company em-ployee says. "He even sometimes carried that woman on his shoulders and walked around the swimming pool," says the woman, who also asked not to be identified by name.



Carlos the Jackal

"I remember that we used to have an Iraqi customer who came to the fitness centre at that time and said he was an Arah professor teaching at Jor-dan University, but I am not sure that this is the

same man," a senior employee at the hotel sold the Jordan Times. "It is possible that the

man was none other than Carlos the Jackal. But if he was... my God, he certainly fooled me."

## Lebanon joins list of nations boycotting Cairo conference

BEIRUT, Lehanon (Agencies) - Prime Minister Rafik has said Lebanon would not participate in next week's U.N. Population Conference in Egypt, the third Arab country to snub the

meeting.
"The Council of Ministers has decided not to participate in this conference, Mr. Hariri told reporters after a cabinet meeting Tuesday

night.

He did not give a reason for the decision. But the U.N. International Conference on Population and Development, which opens Monday in Cairo, has not created any controversy here as it did in other countries.

The meeting is intended to develop policies that would slow the world population growing at an all-time high of 90 million people a year especially in Third World countries.

But a 113-page draft "programme of action" has drawn wide criticism from the Vatican and Muslim hardliners because it encouraged birth control. Muslims also have charged that the draft advocates abortion. homosexuality and premarital sex which are forbidden under Islamic Sharia, or law. Sudan and Saudi Arabia

have withdrawn their delega-

Lebanon's 4 million population is 45 per cent Christian and the rest Muslim. It is one of the most liberal countries in the Mid-

Mr. Hariri is a billionaire who also holds Saudi citizenship. His government is hoping for Saudi financial help in its reconstruction drive after the 1975-90 civil

The decision to stay away from the conference was seen as a possible attempt to avoid getting embroiled in the controversy and angering the

Meanwhile, Kuwait Wednesday said it will suck to its decision to attend the World Population Conference in Cairo despite a Saudi

A ministry of planning spokesman told the newspaper Kuwait Times that the emirate would however 'only support solutions to populapatible with Islamic injunctions and ethics."

Abdul Aziz Ben Baz, the mufti of Saudi Arabia, has appealed to all Islamic countries to follow his country's example and boycott the conference on the grounds that its draft resolutions violated Sudan like Lebanon, joined

the boycott. On the other hand, Zimhahwe's Catholics hacked their hishops on Wednesday in opposing the U.N. Population Conference in Cairo, saying it sought to limit Africa's population and "murder the unborn child."

"Instead of economic justice, we are being given donations with stringent conditions to cut down our numbers and murder the unborn child," Zimhahwe's Catholic Commission of the Laity

Two weeks ago the Catholic hishops in the largely Christian country of 10 mil-lion blasted the conference opening in Egypt's capital on Monday, saying it condoned casual sexual affairs and free

The commission, grouping most of Zimbahwe's Catholics, noted in a statement that Zimhabwe's government had sent a delegation to the conference and said: "Is our government now penalising families for having more children than what developed countries say is the limit? We countries and their moral cor-

# A guide to population conference in Cairo

CAIRO (R) - A U.N. conference on population and development, opening in Cairo on Monday, has aroused passions among religious conservatives.

Here is a guide to the conference, its objectives. the mechanics of it and the current state of the central document which the 20,000 delegates will discuss.

Question: What is the purpose of the Cairo confer-

Answer: The United Nations has been holding a conference on population every 10 years. The previous two were in Mexico City in 1984 and Bucharest in 1974. The aim this time is to reach international consensus on a 20-year programme of acion" which would have the effect of holding the populabillion people in the year 2015 and 7.8 hillion in 2050, from 5.65 billion in June this way beyond birth control alone to include the status of women, education, sexually transmitted diseases, health care, population distribution

and migration.

O Will the programme of action be a treaty?

A. No. the programme will not be binding. Each state is ree to express reservations on any part of the text, but most states want the text to we as widely accepted as possible.

Q: Why did the United Nations choose Cairo?

A: The Egyptian government lobbied to act as host for the conference. The United Nations accepted its application partly in recognition of the success of Egypt's own family planning programme and partly because Egypt is a good example of a country which still has a serious population problem.

Q: What will happen at the conference? A: From Sept. 5 to 13 the delegates will put the final touches on the draft prog-

ramme of action prepared at

a meeting in New York in of family planning. April. Most of the text has already been agreed but the lobbying on the remaining controversial sections is expected to be lively. In parallel with the conference of delegates from governments, hundreds of nongovernmental orgnisations

will meet nearby. Q: Why has the draft programme of action aroused such passions among religious groups?

A: By its nature, the document must try to please all parties. It does not endorse any particular model for the family or set norms for sexual behaviour. It recognises that laws and customs differ from one country to another. Some religious conservatives. expecially in the Muslim and Roman Catholic camps, find this broadmindedness difficult to swallow and would like the document to reflect their own narrow definitions. In Egypt some Islamists conference as a stick with which to attack their govern-

Q: What does the draft programme say about birth control?

A: The document strongly endorses making contraceptives and contraceptive advice available to those who want them. In no way does it encourage governments to stop couples having children.

Q: What does it say about abortion? A: Abortion is one of the most controversial issues on the agenda and many of the references remain between hrackets - an indication that there is no consensus on them. The emphasis of two proposed texts is that governments should deal "openly and forthrightly" with unsafe ahortions and should provide health care for complications from unsafe abortions. One of them says that the main

objective should be to reduce

the rate of abortion, the

other that abortion should

not be promoted as a means

Q: What does it say about homosexuality?

A: The document says nothing about homoexuality. One section refers to "marriages, other unions and the family," another to "sexually active unmarried indi-

Q: What does it say about adolescent sex and sex educa-

A: It advocates providing adolescents with confidential advice on sexual matters and promoting "responsible and healthy sexual and reproductive hehaviour, including voluntary abstinence."

O: What does it say about the role of women?

A: The document comes out strongly in favour of empowering women allowing them to participate fully in all the decisions affecting their lives. It calls for legal equality for women and an end to all forms of

Q: Who is against the conference and the programme of action?

A: The main opponents are the Vatican and a broad alliance of Islamists as well as some right-wing Christian groups in the United States. Other major religions, such as Judaism. Hinduism and Buddhism, have not taken a position against it.

Q: Who supports it?
A: The document is the result of a consensus at the New York meeting in April at which most U.N. member states were represented. Its most active advocates. however, are secular liberals, women activists and Third World countries other than those with governments dominated by Muslims and Catholics.

Q: Which countries will not attend the Cairo Conference? A: Sudan, Saudi Arabia and Lehanon have said they will not come. The women prime ministers of Turkey and Bangladesh have cancelled plans to come hut their countries will attend.

Lebanon rejects permanent BEIRUT (R) — The Lebanese government unanimously rejects permanent

> fugees on its territory and will not grant them civic rights, Prime Minister Rafik Al Mr. Hariri's statement followed a political row over a government minister's proposal to build new housing for 3,000 Palestinian families

who have been squatters

since Christian militias razed their camps during Lebanon's 1975-90 civil war. Some Christian cahinet minister and Muslim religious leaders bitterly denounced the proposal as a surreptitions attempt to begin permanent settlement of the

Palestinians which is banned

under the Lehanese constitu-

"The ministers expressed their opinion on the subject. There was unanimity over the refusal of permanent settlement for Palestinians in Mr. Hariri told Lebanon," reporters after a Tuesday night cabinet meeting.

RABAT (R) — Four frontier

posts on the Algerian-

Moroccan border are now

closed and only Algerians in

Morocco are allowed

through, the official Algerian

news agency APS reported.

The agency monitored in Rabat said the Algerian deci-

sion to close the border on

Saturday "is effective at the

four frontier posts of Akid Loti, Akif Ahbas, Bouka-

"Only Algerian nationals

who are in Morocco can enter

Algeria. Other passengers

are banned from entering or

leaving the national terri-

tory." the agency said citing

It said that in the three

days after the decision to

close the border some 7.500

Algerians and 900 Moroccan

residents in Algeria returned

to Algeria while 1.600

Moroccans and 200 Algerian

resident returned to Moroc-

Diplomats and Moroccan

officials said it was not known

how many Algerians were currently in Morocco. There

the frontier police.

noun and Beni Ouanif."

About 400,000 Palestinian refugees live in about a dozen squalid camps in Lebanon. Most of them, or their parents, fled in 1948 at the

creation of Israel and the first Arab-Israeli war. Lehanon has consistently refused to grant them citizenship, saying they would upset the fragile

Israel agreed in last September's interim autonomy deal with the Palesti a Liberation Organisatio, to discuss the return of refugees who fled as a result of the

Druze leader Walid Jumb-

resettle the Palestinian families in mountains near the southern city of Sidon on the edge of the Druze stronghold

ministers who criticised the proposal, bluntly accusing them of sectarianism that could relight the flames of However, Mr. Hariri said the row showed there was a

'national consensus" in Lebanon against permanent settlement of the Palesti-He said Jumblatt's propos-

al was purely humanitarian and civil war squatters had to be relocated to allow reconstruction and redevelop-However, Mr. Hariri said

the calimet decided to form a four-man committee to study Jumblatt's proposal. Jumblatt was not appointed to the committee and some newspapers hailed the decision as a victory for his opponents.

Rabat broke off diplomatic

relations with Algiers be-

cause it hacked Polisario

guerrillas fighting for inde-pendence of western Sahara,

the former Spanish colony

Diplomats said a rupture of

diplomatic relations was un-

likely this time but they were

unwilling to predict how long

the border closure would last.

burling contumely and abuse

at Morocco, but the Moroc-

cans are playing it cool. It will

decant, sooner or later," a

The Moroccan Interior

Ministry said on Tuesday visa

restrictions for Algerians had

been relaxed. It said women

of Algerian nationality or ori-

gin married to Moroccans re-

sident in the country would

westeru diplomat said.

The Algerian press is

claimed by Morocco.

## settlement of Palestinian refugees civic rights to Palestinains so

that this is not interpreted as (peace) agreement (with Israel)," he added.

ROYAL VISIT: His Royal Highness Crown division's training and planning. Also discusserince Hassan, the Regent, Wednesday visited sed was the idea of offering incentives to excelling officers and troops. Later, the Regent lunched with the troops. He was accompanied on the visit by His Royal Highness Prince manders a number of matters related to the Rashed Ben Al Hassan.

Muslim-Christian sectarian balance in a country of 3.2 million. Most of the refugees

1967 war, bot not the 1948

latt, Lebanon's minister for rehabilitation of displaced people, caused a political

are several thousand resi-

dents and an unknown num-

ber of refugees who have fled

the country annually as tour-

km border "temporarily"

when Morocco demanded en-

try visas for visitors of Alge-

rian nationality or origin after

the arrest of gunmen, includ-

ing two of Algerian origin

resident in France, suspected

of carrying out a series of

the two states were abolished

in 1989 when they joined the

Arah Maghreh Union

(AMU) which unites them to

Libya, Mauritania and Tuni-

Algeria has protested that

the Moroccan visa require-

ment is a violation of the

AMU pact but has also insti-

tuted entry visas for Moroc-

Algeria closed its western

border in 1976 and expelled

more than 30,000 Moroccans.

Road, rail and air traffic was

Visa formalities between

armed robbcries.

More than a million visit

Algeria closed the 1,200-

the violence in Algeria.

Mr. Jumblatt exchanged

angry words with Christian

In addition, exhibition of 'Only Algerians can cross Moroccan border' suspended for 13 years after

# Major medical conference opens;

By Rima Cortbawi and Khattab Salman Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The medicosurgical gastrointestinal con-ference that started here. Wednesday "is an important event for specialised medical advancement in the country," according to Hashem Abu Hassan, president of the Jordanian Society of Gas-

troenterology.

The 3-day activity organised jointly by the Jordanian Association of Surgeons, the Jordanian Society of Gastroenterology and the Jordanian German Medical Society "marks another promising step in paving the way towards (medical) progress," said Dr. Ahu Hassan, who is the co-chairman of the organising committee.
It is a well known fact that

ideal means for enhancing medical development involve the convening of confer-ences, according to Dr. Abu

"Conferences serve the prime objective of encouragng exchange of ideas, information and expertise amongst specialists from different countries."

In addition to 37 guest speakers and lecturers from Arah and foreign countries such as Egypt, Iraq, Leba-non, Libya, Syria, Yemen, Germany, the U.S.A. and the U.K., 21 Jordanian doctors will contribute to the conference, according to Dr. Abu Hassan "The number of attendants

is expected to amount to 300 people, including doctors and sicians from the Ministry of Health, the Royal Medical Services, all Jordanian universities as well as the private sector, Medical university students will also gain tremendous knowledge from the 64 medical papers that will be dealt with," said Dr. Abu Hassan.

The main topics to be handled by the speakers will include: laparoscopic surgery for Hernia, gall bladder and appendix, peptic ulcer diseases, colonic tumours, gastro oesophageal reflux, upper GI bleeding, viral Hepatitis, tumours of the liver, the use of laser in different diagnostic and therapeutie aspects of these fields and various surgical considerations and op-erations," Dr. Abu Hassan

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## **AIDS** test for non-Iraqis costs \$50

By Angham Tamimi Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - The Iraqi government is charging non-Iraqis \$50 or the equivalent in foreign currency to cover the cost of an AIDS (Acquired Immuno-Deficiency Syndrome) test before entering the country, the press attache at the Iraqi emhassy, Adel Ihrahim, told the Jordan

Times. He said Iraqis and resident Arabs would only pay 100 Iraqi dinars for the test.

Earlier reports said that ragi nationals and Arabs who hold residency papers for Iraq are charged only I0 Iraqi dinars each for the test.

not require visas. It added that residents of Guests of the Iraqi govern-Algerian nationality or origin ment, non-governmental as well as visitors already in organisations and eivil the country would continue societies will not however be to enjoy the same privileges charged unless their stay in Iraq lasts for more than 15

days, Mr. Ibrahim said. The Iraqi authorities introduced a free-of-charge AIDS test more than six years ago for everyone entering the country as a means to protecting its people from the

deadly disease, he said.
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## Political parties oppose students' fees hike

## By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Three Jordanian political parties Wednesday criticised the government for its August 21 decision to raise by 60 per cent students' fees to their schools and demanded that the sums collected be returned to the

pupils.
"The fee increase is very heavy on Jordanian citizens and heads of families, and our parties demand the can-cellation of the government decision and the return of the sums already collected to the students," said the state-

The statement, which was signed by the Islamic Action Front Party (IAF), the National Action Front party (NAF) and the Jordan Baath Socialist Arah Party, said the government should retain the same fee rate of previous

AMMAN (Petra) — Because of the shortage of potatoes on the local markets, the Agricultural Marketing Organisa-

tion (AMO) is allowing importers to purchase 5,000 tonnes of the starchy plant mber from different coun-According to a decision by the organisation's board Wednesday, the Jordan Agricultural Marketing and Processing Company (JAMP-CO) will import 2,000 ton-

nes, the Jordan Cooperative Organisatioo (JCO) 1,000 tonnes and private sector merchants 2,000 tonnes. Commenting on the coun-

The government decision, which was ratified by a Royal Decree last Saturday, requires basic stage students to pay JD5 and secondary level students to pay JD10 annual-

The regulations also stipulate that a student who repeats his/her class in the secondary level should pay JD70, students in the vocational training course must pay JD5 and students in the state-run community colleges pay JD30 a year.

The revenues are to be spent on purchasing learning materials for bbraries, laboratories and vocational workshops as well as for the requirements of extra curricula activities and light maiotenance of school and to cover

school ceremonies. The fees are also meant to help pay part of the fees of needy students who are exempted from paying up to 20 per ceot of the set fee.

"After imposing the sales tax on the people of Jordan, the government chose to increase the burdens on students and their families by raising the school fees 60 per cent and totally ignoring that our citizens are not able to endure further financial bur-

"We support all efforts designed to promote the work of our educational institutions and call on the government to allocate sufficient funds for the schools which shoold hring up welleducated generations that would confront the coming stage of normalisation (with Israel)," said the statement.

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"We call on the government to provide the necessary allocations by cutting down on non-essectials rather than resorting to placing unbearable hurdens on the Jordanian citizens," the statement concluded.

## AMO allows import of 5,000 tonnes of potatoes

try's import and export policy, Minister of Agriculture Mansour Ben Tariff said that imports of all kinds of fruits have been banned since the beginning of July in view of the abundant fruit crop this

He said that the door to exporting fruits remains open, while imports of onions and garlic continue to be banned unless a severe shortage of these commodities

Mr. Ben Tarif expressed the view that Jordan's regular trade agreements and protocols with other countries should include clauses allowing exports of national crops

He said his ministry is con-

## Young man found hanged

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - A 25-year-old man Tuesday was found hanged on the roof of his house in Al Akarmeh suhurb in Jabal Hashmi Shamali in Amman, police reports said,

Hassan M.S. was discovered by his father who went to search for him late Tuesday night, reports said.

Hassan's father Mohammad, told police that he went .: Dr. Wa'll Fatayer, pes to the roof of their home to him hanging from a rope which was suspected from a metal bar used to bang laun-

> Hassan's father, said his son unable to find a joh and so

> In his testimony to police, bad a short temper and was decided to take bis own life. A close neighbour told the Jordan Times Wednesday

ONE MAN'S CALLING:

Septuagenarian Abuhakar Skidiquee, from India poses

with his bicycle after span-

ning more than 15,000

kilometres to reach Jeru-

salem and Saudi Arabia on

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sion. Mr. Siddiquee (73).

who is on a short visit to the

Kingdom, said he came on a mission of unity, peace and

brotherhood for people around the world. A motor

tyres retailer from Cuttack, Orrissa in India, Mr. Siddi-

que started out on April 27, 1993 visiting Bangiadesh, Burma, Bhutan, Nepal, then back to India, and to

Iraq and Jordan. He has been travelling with scant provisions and surviving on

the generosity and help of people he meets along his

way. He says age is not important but work and "doing something for your

own country and other fel-

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portant." (Photo by Rana Hasseini)

that Hassan had just returned to Jordan after spending one month in another Arab coun-

She said she met him once before the incident and said that be looked depressed. "It seemed to me that be was not happy and was mistreated where he was staying before coming to Jordan,

the neighbour said without

elaborating. According to the neighbook the deceased one of 12siblines fittistied his educachecknon bis:son and found b tion and received: a degree in a Arabic literature in Jordan. but was unable to find a job and that is why he left the

> She said she knew Hassan for a long time and that he was good and helpful to everyone in the neighbour-

> She said that Hassan left no suicide note. Hassan was

buried Wedoesday morning. Clans clash in Madaba

Also on Tuesday, a fight between two clans of the Shawahkeh tribe in Madaba left six people injured and nearly 40 people were arrested, police and civil defence department reports

According to the report, the argument, which was over results of a previous municipal election, became heated and turned ioto a fist fight with hystanders getting involved, the report said. Police reports esomate that

at least 48 people participated in the fight. CDD reports said that the injured suffering from hruises and cuts were taken to Madaba Hospital and were listed in

fair to good conditions. Police said both tribes filed complaints against each other. They said they are investigating the incident.



## altogether 28 personalities. to various nations.

ductiog a study on importing agricultural inputs and would arrange for bulk imports which would he sold at reasonable prices to the local farmers in cooperation with the Union of Importers of Agricultural Products.

At the same time, he said, the Ministry of Agriculture is ficalising work on a document coveriog the country's agricultural policy and designed to enable the Kingdom to become self-sufficient in food production.

# Amman prepares for municipal elections

By Ramadan Rawashdeh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - The Amman Municipality is preparing for elections for a new municipal council by the middle of 1995.

Speaking one day after a Council of Ministers decision to appoint a new committee to manage the municipality's affairs, Amman Mayor Mamdouh Abbadi said the elections will be held in implementation of a new municipalities law endorsed by Parliament in July.
The mayor, who was

appointed head of the committee, said that his team includes specialists in municipal affairs, technocrats with experience io basic services, like health, water and electricity, as well as the director of the Amman Police Department and a oumher of secretaries general of government ministries, grouping

The former council grouped 50 members, half of whom were specialists in government offices while the rest was made up of heads of municipal councils

of Palestine

AMMAN (J.T.) — Under

the patronage of Princess Wi-

dan Ali, the American

Cultural Centre in Amman,

in cooperation with the Har-

vard Semitic Museum, will

present "The Diness Exhibit,

Jerusalem and the Holy

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The exhibit will be inaugu-

rated on Sept. 1, hy Princess Wijdan and U.S. Ambassa-

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emhassy statement.
The Diness exhibit is a

unique collection of 60

photographs discovered by

accident in 1989 in Minneso-

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Barnier, said the statement.

Middle East for the first time.

The exhibit is named after

Mendel Joho Diness, a

watchmaker turned amateur

photographer, who came to

Palestine from Odessa in

1848 and spent more than 12

years io Palestine before im-

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According to the state-ment, the collection of 60

platinum prints printed from

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dissolved in 1987 when the Greater Amman Area was formed, including these councils around the capital.

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The Council of Ministers had decided to dissolve all serving municipal councils. including those run by government-appointed committees, and set up 191 new committees to run them until next year's municipal elections.

Under the new law, elections for all municipalities in the Kingdom will be held in one day, a departure from the previous system which allowed different councils to hold elections separately.

Preparations for the election of a municipal council, according to Dr. Abhadi, entail working out a mechanism for registering voters and related proce-

According to Dr. Ahha-di, by the middle of next year the Amman residents will also elect half of their municipal council while the government will appoint the other half upon recommeodation from the minister of municipal and rural affairs and the environ-

The Council of Ministers will then appoint a mayor from among the newly elected and appointed members, Dr. Abbadi

Asked whether he was running for elections, Dr. Ahhadi said it was early to decide on that matter since "in a year's time many things could happen."

The Lower House of Parliament's endorsement of the new municipalities law, after months of deliberations, had aroused public controversy.

The law in particular angered the Islamic Action Front (IAF) party and the leftist parties hecause it approved the dissolution of the serving municipal councils. They demanded that Amman mayor be elected not appointed by the gov-

Several municipal councils resigoed in protest against the new law and the government dissolved other councils, like that of Zarga which was dominated hy IAF memhers, drawing fierce protests by Parliament members who

democratic. The new law is considered more developed than the previous one despite the criticism levelled against it by certain circles which considered condi-

tions for nomination as un-

On the other hand, many circles have voiced apprehension that the Islamists might dominate most of the new councils, bearing in mind the events of Algeria where the Islamists dominated the local councils one year before the general elections were held and whose results later were scrapped and the municipal councils dis-

solved. Among the Jordanian municipalines which were dissolved, there was Irhid Municipality where the Islamists faced a defeat in the municipal elections more than two years ago leaving the field to the independents and members with leftist tendency.

The Islamists had dominated the Irbid municipal council for 15 years and later spread their dominaZarga and Ruseifa, two of the largest municipalities in the Kingdom.

In light of past experience, the Islamists proved quite capable of managing election campaigns and achieving successes and the municipal elections of next year could provide them with a new chance to achieve further successes whereas the leftist forces are not expected to meet with success unless they join hands with Islamists,

according to observers. These observers believe that the 1995 elections could provide an important political indicator of the strength of the Islamic forces which were adversely affected hy the one-person one-vote system introduce. before the last parliamen-tary elections in November 1993 and in view or the ongoing Jordaman-Israeli

peace negotiations. Observers believe that the coming municipal elecany others before in terms of supervision, election procedures and, perhaps,

## Jordanian professionals seek link up with global health care network

By Jennifer Hamarneh Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A handful of medical and husiness professionals, who believe that Jordan is creating a "niche" for itself on the world map of quality health care provides, is planning to attend a conference on "Global Heath Care: An Emerging reality" in Geneva.

The three-day international symposium is designed to examine models for the worldwide integration of health care, which, according to conference co-chair Omar Lattouf, is the wave of future health care management and

"Jordan's participation is important because by aligning itself with this global network, the country could become the regional hub for providing high quality health care as well as exporting medical technology and services," Dr. Lattouf told the

Joroan Times. The conference presentanons will be aimed primarily at opinion leading physicians and health care industry strategists, planners, policy makers and executives.

The overall agenda incorporates a multidisciplinary approach to resolving health care issues by hringing together world leaders, representatives of international health care organisations, business administrators, medical managers, economists, marketing experts as well as health care professionals to discuss how to compose a bealth care action plan for the next decade, Dr. Lattouf said.

Within this context, the conference organisers sought a world leader who has de-

monstrated an active interest in this vital sector to deliver the keynote address to the cooference. The organisers invited Her Majesty Queen Noor because of the personal and particular attention she contributes to national and international health care and other social development

Queen Noor has delegated Minister of Information Jawad Anani to address the attendees on her hebalf.

Dr. Anani, who earlier participated in the first such conference in 1992 held in Atlanta, Georgia in the U.S., has been cootiouously advising the participants, Dr. Latouf said.

The conference activities are being directed by the International Medical Institute; a.U.S.-based non-profitorganisation, which, according to its founder, Dr. Lattouf, drew support from health care professionals around the world and is in affiliation with the Emory School of Medicine and the Carter Centre in Atlanta. Dr. Lattouf said that the work of the institute, quite simply, is dedicated towards the

advancement of health care.

According to Dr. Lattouf, the Geneva Conference is jointly sponsored hy: the Global Medical Network, an Atlanta-based organisation supported by the private efforts of a group of U.S.based health care and busioess people, a Saudi Arahiahased health care provider and Emory University School of Medicine; Emory University System of Health Care; General Arabian and Medical Allied Services Ltd. (GAMA), the aforementiooed Saudi company; and the National Cardiovascular Network (NCN), a U.S.hased multi-institutional alliaoce of leading cardiovascular institutions.

Dr. Lattouf receotly repatriated to Jordan from Atlanta where he was an associate professor of surgery at Emory Unversity and a practising cardio-thoracic surgeon, He is currently in private practice in Amman as eardiac and thoracic

Dr. Latouff believes Jordao has positiooed itself favourably for importing high quality medical services and then reexporting those services to the region. He sees the coming conference as benefitting the Kingdom in its acquisition and eventual sharing of quality care as well as the economics of high.

quality care. For Dr. Lattouf, the next I0 years promise to witness explosive action in bealth care telecommunications in Jordan, Already, His Majesty King Hussein bas spearheaded and contributed to the telelink for diagnosis and treatment between the Royal Medical Services and the renowned Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota where the King underwent success-

ful cancer surgery in 1992. Dr. Lattouf is convinced that national health care telecommunications will become a reality, with the networking of Jordan's hospitals around the country, including the ru-ral areas, "I believe that we will become more efficient in utilising telecommuoications that are available but yet to be deployed in medicine."

The participants at the symposium will come from about 20 countries to attend

aging change (the new health management imperative); confronting reality (the impact of global economics); redefining opportunities (regional, national and international markets); reinventing infrastructure (the future of telecommunications, tele-

discussion sessions on: man-

medicine, and multimedia informatioo management); and reengineering relationships (progress and prospects of global synergism). The conference organisers.

foresee numerous benefits to the attendees, including: understanding the increasing role of global economics in worldwide health care delivery; recognising how the trends of an emergiog global health management marketplace may affect local health care strategies; and examining the global implications of technologies that enable remote learning, facilitate international resource sharing and significantly streamline the access and management of clinical and clerical information.

Of the numerous papers slated to be presented at the symposium, those with a Middle East focus include: 'Arab-Israeli Initiative,' (presents a case study of cooperative Arab-Israeli cardiovascular care effort); Middle East Health Care Economics," (presents the Middle East perspective on the economic implications of health care); and "Telemedicine in Saudi Arabia."

Dr. Lattouf, who will cochair the conference with Professor Jack Sheth of Emory University, expects to publish a summary of the symposium proceedings aod

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## MARCH

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# Anto Exhibition, Airport Road on Friday at 5:00 p.m.

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Exhibition of paintings entitled "Fantazia II" (depicting lisamic style) by Iraqi artist Widad Orfali at Orfali Art

# India-Pakistan ties flounder again as diplomats expelled

NEW DELHI (AFP) — Relations between India and Pakistan were floundering ity," said Mr. Dixit.
"There is a tremendous amount of hostility and suspi-Pakistan were floundering Wednesday after the mutual expulsion of two diplomats and New Delhi's rejection of an Islamabad offer on nuclear

Analysts here expressed fears over the fresh slide in mutual ties, a day after Pakistan expelled an Indian diplomat, triggering the expulsion of a Pakistani diplomat from

Islamabad Tuesday declared consul J.J. Singh at the Indian Consulate General in Karachi, Pakistan's commercial capital, persona non grata and asked him to quit ti. country within a week. New Delhi struck back,

rang out First Secretary Jaraio a mad at the Pakistan High 🍮 amission here, reliving the tit-for-tat expulsions last in anth of four members of eaci har a diplomatic missions on charge of

spying.
Indian officials were not available for comment on the expulsions. But diplomats warned that it would further strain bilateral relations between India and Pakistan, who have fought three wars

An Indian expert on South Asia agreed.

This is going to deteriorate the relationship further," said Abha Dixit of the Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis. "It will certainly hamper their diplomatic

The repeated expulsion of each other's diplomats is sending a very wrong signal

tries," she added.

Also Tuesday, India rejected a Pakistani offer for a ioint declaration renouncing nuclear weapons, calling it 'an obvious bid to cover up (Pakistan's) discomfiture and embarrassment" over its nuclear programme.

An Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman said the Islamabad proposal was the result of last week's admission former Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif that his country had a nuclear bomb and would not hesitate to use it.

The spokesman said the Pakistani offer was not acceptable since Islamahad had turned down Indian proposals in January for confidence-building measures in the nuclear field.

Mr. Sharif's statement has caused alarm in India, which exploded a nuclear device in 1974 but says it does not have nov homb. Pakistan has de-Mr. Sharif's statement ano maintains that it does not

possest nuclear weapons. india's main opposition arty said Wednesday that India-Pakistan relations would continue to take further knocks uniess the two

countries solved their dispute over Kashmir. "There is increasing tension hetween India and Pakistan, said spokesman K.L. Sharma of the Hindurevivalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP, or Indian Peo-

ple's Party).
"It is quite clear that Kash-

mir is the hone of contention and the only concrete step to improve relations would be to sort out this issue in a negotiated way," Mr. Shar-

ma added. Two of the wars between India and Pakistan have been fought over Kasbmir, a picturesque province held by the two neighbours. A bloody Muslim separatist campaign in Indian-held Kashmir has claimed more than 10,000

lives since 1989. India accuses Pakistan of arming the Muslim guerrillas in Kashmir. Islamabad denies the accusation.

Pakistan Wednesday accused India of promoting terrorism to try to destabilise its smaller neighbours in South

"If there is a terrorist state in South Asia it is none other than India," said Munir Akram, a Foreign Ministry spokesman. Mr. Akram, without pro-

viding evidence, accused In-dia of fomenting antigovernment violence in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and "India is promoting terror-ism in the region, in Pakistan

it is in the (southern) pro-vince of Sindh," he said. Hundreds of people have been killed in ethnically and politically motivated violence in the province over the past

The main combatants have heen militant Muslim immigrauls to Pakistan at the time of independence in 1947 and secessionists demanding an independent Sindh.

"India is broadcasting propaganda aimed at Sindh

Pakistan," said Mr. Akram. Meanwhile, India made no concessions to international mediators who, in a groundbreaking meeting with New Delbi, sought to win its support for curbs on the spread of missile technology, Indian newspapers said Wednesday.

The newspapers said senior States, Britain, Switzerland and Australia made no headway at a meeting Tuesday in persuading India to impose voluntary curbs on the proliferation of missile technology.

The officials were seeking New Delhi's eventual support for the missile technology control regime (MTCR), which tries to prevent the spread of technology capable of generating nuclear arms or delivery vehicles for nuclear

Tuesday's meeting in New Delhi was the first time India had held talks with MTCR officials. The Foreign Ministry called the session useful and comprehensive, and said the government would consider future talks with the

India has long said the voluntary club is discriminatory because it would allow Western nations to add to their stockpiles but prevent others from developing mis-

"There is no change in India's stand of not subscribing to the discriminatory missile technology control regime even after today's comprebensive discussions here between the visiting MTCR team and Indian officials," the Hindustan Times said.

## president takes office in Panama today

PANAMA CITY (R) -Businessman Ernesto Perez Balladares is set to be inaugurated Thursday as president of Panama in an unexpectedly quick return to power for the party of ousted strongman Manuel Noriega.

But Mr. Perez Balladares, a stalwart of the party that supported Mr. Noriega until he was removed by a U.S. invasion in 1989, is putting distance between the party and its former leader and pledging to take a hardline against corruption.

Mr. Perez Balladares, 48-year-old former banker, is also expected to make a friendly gesture to the United States by reversing the cur-rent government's line

"The new government looks with a lot of sympathy on the request for Panama to take in Cuban refugees but we cannot announce anything officially until we take power Sept. 1," Bertha Thayer, an adviser to Foreign Ministerdesignate Gabriel Lewis Galindo, told Reuters.

Organisers said representatives of more than 40 nations are expected to attend Mr. Perez Balladares's inauguration, which marks the first peaceful transfer of power,

United States, Britain, France and the then-Soviet last Russian troops from German soil, glorified the liberating role the Red Army played in Hitler's Germany, but glossed over its part in but-Union. "However we can only

rious World War II allies -

differently as Russian troops leave

Russian President Boris Yeltsin (right) is Yeltsin was in Germany to attend the ceregreeted by a group of flag waving children on his arrival in Germany from Moscow. Mr. Russian soldiers from here (AFP photo)

Yeltsin and Kohl see history

BERLIN (AFP) - President

Boris Yeltsin, marking the

departure Wednesday of the

tressing 40 years of Stalinist

dictatorship in the east of the

country.

By contrast, in bis speech

at one of several ceremonies

being held bere, German

Chancellor Helmut Kohl put

Hitler's and Stalin's crimes

oo a more equal footing, and

said the post-war wrongs Russians inflicted on Ger-

mans should not be forgot-

Mr. Yeltsin said that the

victorious Russian troops

wbo entered Berlin balf a

century ago "did not stay on

foreign soil in order to en-

He stressed the debt owed

"It was here in Berlin that

today to the sacrifice and

the root of an unparalleled

evil was torn out and the

ashes of Hitler's monstrous plans thrown to the winds," Mr. Yeltsin declared at the

ceremony in the city's 19th

We bave no right to forget that the Nazis razed

many towns and whole states to the ground," he said.

uniform did not come to Ger-

many to flatten it to the

earth, to annihilate the Ger-

man people or make them

Mr. Yeltsin said Russia

had always made a distinction

between ordinary German

people and the Nazi clique

The Russia leader simply

attributed the post-war divi-

sion of Germany to its war

defeat. "The defeat led to the

division of the German

land," Mr. Yeltsin said, while

recognising that "its living

corpse was carved up with

barbed wire and minefields."

long Russian military pre-

sence on German soil as "an

effort in favour of peace" for

which he said thanks were

At the time of German

reunification in 1990 — which

Mr. Yeltsin in his speech

hailed wholeheartedly - the

number of Russian troops

In his speech, the German

chancellor thanked Mr. Yelt-

sin for completing the Rus-

sian troop withdrawal ahead

of the Sept. 12 deadline

agreed in 1990 with the victo-

was still some 390,000.

He presented the 49-year-

the servant of the Russians,'

Mr. Yeltsin declared.

that came to power.

'The Russians in soldiers'

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slave and dominate."

huild a prosperous future if we heed the lessons of the dark chapters of the past," Mr. Kohl said. "Truthfulness is the essence of lasting friendship."

Mr. Kohl acknowledged

the "terrible harm done to the Russian people by Ger-mans and in the name of the German people," and he paid homage to the millions of Russians killed in World

"We must not and shall not forget any of this. Nor should we forget what Russians later inflicted on Germans," Mr.

The chancellor bowever stressed that the reunification of Germany following the fall of the Berlin Wall on Nov. 9, 1989 could not bave happened without Soviet cooperation. "We Germans will always remember this with gratitude," he said.

This Wednesday Aug. 31 is seen by both countries as of bistoric significance, the turning of a page on the past and the opening of a new era in German-Russian relations.

The day's agenda of ceremonial events was also geared to the present and

future. Mr. Yeltsin's Russia, which has enjoyed some \$7.5 billion worth of German aid aimed at helping and encouraging the troops to leave, hopes that Germany will remain a generous and under-

standing economic partner.
Alongside talks Wedoesday between the two state leaders, meetings are also programmed between Foreign Minister Andrei Kosyrev Klaus Kinkel, and between the respective defence ministers Pavel Grachev and Vol-

ker Ruehe. The situation in Yugoslavia and the smuggling of plutonium believed to originate in the ex-Soviet Union are expected to figure in the discus-

#### Russian troops leave Estonia

In a separate development, Russia's military presence in Estooia officially ended Wednesday after more than 50 years, but a deep legacy of hitterness has made it difficult for many people to celebrate.

"Aug. 3I marks the end of a rape,' commented Kalle Kulbok, head of the small rapist goes, you don't celebrate, you vomit." And for many Estonian nationalists, they still have to share their country with their

Royalist Party. "When the

giant neighbour. The long years of Mos-cow's domination of Estonia the Russian and Soviet empires for 270 years -

Russian-speakers. They include the 10,500 former Soviet soldiers who have settled in the Baltic state after leaving the army, many of them still under 50

sioners" could apply for permanent residence when ment with Mr. Yeltsin fixing Aug. 3I as the deadline for the last of the Russian troops to leave.

Tallion signed with the three-year-old Soviet government n Moscow,

firework display were plan-ned for Wednesday by the presidential palace and the government of Prime Minister Maart Laar, with religious services of thanksgiving Thursday, when churches will ring their bells.

day: "Of course the departure of the Russians has a positive side, but there are also many negative aspects." Apart from the continued

Experts have estimated at more than \$4 billion the eco-

## - apart from between the two world wars it was part of

TEHRAN (AFP) — A mean that a quarter of the two million inhabitants are

Estonian President Lennart Meri agreed these "penhe signed the July 26 agree-

Russia is also insisting on keeping two small border areas which were granted to the newly-formed Estonian Democratic Republic in the 1920 Treaty of Tartu which

Those areas were annexed by the Soviet Union along with the rest of Estonia and its Baltic neighbours Latvia and Lithuania in 1940 after the pact with Nazi Germany gave Josef Stalin a free hand in the region.

Open-air concerts and a

But critical opposition parties forced the government, which faces elections io six months, to scale down the ceremonies, and cancel scheduled receptions.

Deputy Foreign Minister Raul Maelk admitted Tues-

presence of so many Russians which is a load particularly on the country's schools and the loss of territory, there is the cost of cleaning. up after the troops.

#### logical damage caused by the Russian military occupation, including pollution by nuc-

# N. Korean envoy to China may signal power transfer

SEOUL (R) - North Korea's decision to send a special envoy to China signals an imminent announcement of a new leader in the Stalinist state, diplomats and analysts in Seoul said Wednesday.

North Korea said Tuesday China as a special envoy.

appears to be the completion of reshuffling in North Korea's hierarchy." an Asian

"It is an established practice between North Korea and China to notify major changes in their countries.

North Korean President Kim Il-Sung was reported to have died of heart attack on July 8 after he designated his eldest son. Kim Jong-II. as his successor, but the younger Kim has yet to be named as the country's Communist Party chief or state president.

billinn this year, up from \$9 billion in 1995.

half of this year at \$5 billion. up 59 per cent on the same 1993 period, while trade with North Korea fell 21.9 per cent to \$335 million. "As this trade and investment grow North Korea's influence in Beijing wanes. especially after the death of Kim II-Sung, who knew many

tions with Chinese leaders his father enjoyed.

turing its hierarchy around Kim Jong-Il since the elder

and Natinnal Security in

"Song's visit could mark the first step to seek continuity of its external relations." Mr. Lee added.

Mr. Ko said clearer signs of the North's pecking order would surface on Sept. 9. the anniversary of the Commun-

The naming of Kim Jong-Il chief could coincide with

celebrations on Sept. 9 or Oct. 10. the anniversary of the setting up of the ruling party.

A mysterious, reclusive figure, the chubby, bespecta-cled Kim Jong-II, 52, had already taken over much of the day-to-day running of the

any public activities, that Kim Jong-II faced a succession problem or was ill. He was last seen publicly at a July 20 memorial service for

gyang government were scattered in the diplomatic compound.

But North Korea-watchers said the leaflets should not be construed to mean Kim Jong-Il's leadership was in danger.

"Such leaflets were scattered in Pyongyang even under Kim II-Sung. This only represents an extremely small group opposing the government," Mr. Ko said.

### **Briton jailed** for filming bare-legged girls

DUBAI (R) — A British man has been jailed for six months and ordered deported for illicity filming under the skirts of gats and women in Dubai supermarkets with a hidden with kets with a hidden wideo camera, the newspaper Al-Khaleej said Tuesday i said the man, named crity as Gary, placed a small video camera close to the floor in supermarkets to film under the skirts of unwary females browsing along the shelves. He was caught by chance by two passing policemen and found in possession of six such video films. Some scenes had been enlarged us-ing special equipment he kept ported from the United Arab Emirates on completing his sentence, the paper said A lower court had earlier die. none of the women had com-

#### Women conquer 💠 Iran's highest mountain

group of Iranian women, ful all y covered in keeping with y covered in keeping with Islamic tradition, climbed to: the top of the country's highest mountain for the first time since the 1979 revolutions. newspaper reported. The group of 16 students from Tehran universities, climbed the northeastern flank of the Damavand in northeastern Iran to the peak, 5,671 metres [18,710 feet) above. ground, the daily Hamshahn said. It was an unprecedented climb for women who been increasingly excluded from. sports since the revolution because of religious restrictions. But mountain dimbing has become considered a practical sport for women because they can take part fully covered meeting Islamic stan-

### Singapore schools face rising indiscipline

SINGAPORE (AFP) 🛶 Singapore's promotion of Asian values may be having little impact in its schools where teachers say truancy, gangsterism and in some' cases drug and alcohol abuse are on the rise. Reporting on a recent meeting of 290 teachers, the Singapore Taschers, the COTIN and Teachers' Union (STU) said other problems in schools include stealing, intimacy with the opposite sex, vandalism, gambling and the viewing of pornographic material. The disclosures run in the face of,

a longstanding government campaign to promote Confucianist values among Singaporeans including respect, for elders and teachers. Cases of "open defiance and blatant. disrespect for teachers are increasing in our schools union president Lawrence Sia wrote in The Mentor, the STU's newsletter, received Tuesday. In a National Day address to Singaporeans last week Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong said his governconfucianism, "but schoolteachers cannot replace pa-rents and grandparents as the principal models for their children," he said. Mr. Sia said that while the STU was addressing the problem, the government could also help. The STU is of the view that the Education Ministry must also do more to support the teachers to deal with this problem," Mr. Sia said. The teachers cited peer influence, poor parental supervision and unfavourable home backgrounds as common causes for misbehaviour in schools, the newsletter said."

#### Chinese taxi drivers offer back-seat company

BEIJING (R) - Chinese taxir drivers, desperate for custom, are offering convivial back-seat female company as part of the service, the Beijing Evening News said. It is now common for drivers in cities across China to carry pretty young women in the front sear who jump into the back when the customer gets in and amuse him with conservation, the newspaper ne ported. In Nanjing, for example. 20 per cent of taxis now offer this service and some customers refuse to get in unless such a lady is present it said.

# to the international commun-New army chief takes charge

nant General Abu Saleh Mohammad Nasim Wednesday took over as the new commander in chief of Bangladesh's 100,000-strong army. defence officials said.

Outgoing commander in chief Lieutenant General Mohammad Noor Uddin Khan formally handed over the post to Gen. Nasim at a cercinony at the army headquarters in the Dhaka Cantonment military barracks.

the officials said. Gen. Nasim, 45, a decorated veteran of Bangladesh's 1971 independence war, was promoted Wednesday to the rank of lieutenant general.

Gen. Rhan, according to the Morning Sun daily, would be appointed Bangladesh's new high commissioner, or ambassador to Canada, a pust that has been vacant for about a year.

Analysis earlier said Prime Minister Khaleda Zia had carefully chosen her new army chief to maintain a precarious balance between different military factions. Her choice, one analysi said, was aimed at averting a power grab by the military

directly or indirectly between 1975 and 1990. The opposition Ajker Kagoj daily, owned and edited by retired army Colonel Kazi Shahed Ahmad, Wednesday welcomed Gen.

Nasim's appointment.

which ruled Bangladesh

In a special commentary, the newspaper said people were happy to see a war eteran once again taking over the army's leadership. As long as there is a freedom fighter in the army. the nation should see one of them as the army chief." the

Meanwhile, thousands of domonstrators took the streets of Dhaka Tuesday as opposition parties resumed their boycott of parliament. which re-opened following a

summer recess. Police slopped up to 7,000 Combined Action Council (CAC) activists armed with sticks from marching to the Parliament House. The demilitare di toli 1. g. 3. 1. Tr

The activists threw stones and sticks at armed police, and later tried to break through a security barricade. They eventually left the streets of central Dhaka after offering coass prayers.

## China signs death warrant New Bangladesh for Hong Kong reforms

Kong's political reforms, ordering that the British colony's legislature should not live a day beyond Beijing's 1997 takeover.

"China issued a legal reg-ulation today to abolish Hong Kong's political structure based on Governor Chris Patten's 'reform package' and establish a new one when the country regains sovereignty over Hong Kong on July I, 1997," the official

The widely expected move was approved by the standing committee of the National People's Congress (NPC), China's parliament. "The last Legislative

Council, city government, District Government and District Board will be terminated on June 30, 1997," Xinhua quoted the order as

In Hong Kong, a government spokeswoman said China would have to answer to six million local people if it dismantled the colony's legislature. 'As the governor has

pointed out, there is no reason why those arrangements should be dismantled," the spokeswoman said. "If in 1997 those arrangements are dismantled, those who take responsibility for that will have to explain themselves to six million peo-

ple here in Hong Kong. China has said repeatedly it will not allow Mr. Patten's democratic reforms to stand. Months of inconclusive talks between Beijing and London on the subject broke down irrevocably last year.

BEIJING (R) — Cbina taken place under the new Much-expanded franchise, the death warrant for Hong which was narrowly approved which was narrowly approved by Hong Kong's legislature on June 30, three years to the day before the Beijing takeover.

China's parliament reiterated Beijing's assertion that the Patten reforms went against both the spirit and the letter of previous agreements between Britain and China, including the key joint declaration that agreed on the 1997 return of sovereignty.

It also said the reforms violated previous bills passed Xinhua News Agency said. by the Chinese parliament. The legislature says in its decision that those organisations unilaterally set up by the British side violated the Sino-British Joint Declaration, the basic law and the NPC decision," Xinhua said.

The basic law is a constitution for post-1997 Hong Kong. Britain says the Patten reforms are within the scope set

by the previous pacts. Xinhua said the new legislature and government for Hong Kong would be set up in line with a 1990 order by

China's parliament. It said details would be worked out by an organising committee designing post-1997 Hong Kong, which will be considered a special administrative region under Chi-

Beijing has promised Hong Kong a great deal of autonomy after the takeover, especially in economics. The territory will be able to keep its successful brand of laissez-

faire capitalism. China calls its formula 'one country, two systems.' Many in Hong Kong worry about the autonomy will

## Elections have not yet actually work in practice. Sri Lanka lifts embargo on Tigers, demands peace

COLOMBO (AFP) — Sri ern Jaffna peninsula, but Lanka's Prime Minister Chandrika Kumaratunga all other commodities, she Wednesday partially lifted an economic embargo on Tamil guerrilla-held territory and called for peace talks to end

ethnic bloodlesting. Ms. Kumaratunga said she expected her "unconditional and unilateral" action to clear the way for a dialogue between the government and Tamil Tiger guerrillas to resolve the conflict which has claimed some 30,000 lives

With immediate effect, the government was removing 28 tiens from a list of 42 banned or in the areas under control of the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). Ms. Kumaratunga iold reporters here. Only items that could go

directly into the manufacture

of bombs and weapons will

not be allowed to the north-

there will be no restriction on

all other commodities, she said. The transport of items. such as medicines, food. kerosene oil. power generators, bicycles and spare parts for rice mills, could be taken to the north. The government expects prices in

Jaffna to fall sharply. We are doing all this to rebuild the trusi and confidence between the government and the Tamil people of Jaffna." said Ms. Kumaratunga, who is a member of the majority Sinhalese ethnic

community The figers had over the weekend agreed to a ceasefire following a peace offer by Ms. Kuamaratunga, who took office just two weeks ago, and said they were awaiting a "goodwill gesture" from the Colombo govern-

it was sending Vice Foreign Minister Song Ho-Gyong to "Song will be making the first public and official visit to Beijing by a senior North Korean official since the death of Kim Il-Sung. This

diplomat said.

"It is quite likely that Song will notify leaders in Beijing

of Pyongyang's plan to hold a

huge rally soon to formally

name Kim Jong-Il as the party leader." said Ko Tae-Woo. chief analyst at the Institute of North Korean Studies. "He will probably ask Beij-

ing to take steps to help consolidate Kim Jong-Il's legitimacy." Mr. Ko said. China is the isolated North's last remaining major ally, and its blessing of the Communist world's first

dynastic succession is seen as vital to Kim Jong-II, who lacks his father's charisma. The Asian diplomat said China's support for Kim Jong-II's leadership was particularly important as North Korea's arch-rival. South Korea, had built up an important business partnership

with Beijing, diminishing the Nonh's political leverage. South Korea's Trade Ministry said two-way trade between Seoul and Beijing was expected to total \$12

Chinese figures put trade with South Korea in the first

of China's veteran political and military leaders." a diplomat in Beijing said. Kim Jong-II has rarely visited China and does not have the good personal rela-

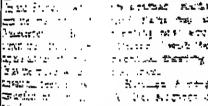
North Korea-watchers in Seoul said North Korea's elite must have been preoccupied with the task of restruc-

Kim's death. "Now it is beginning to address the importance of its externa: relations." said Lee Seo-Haug, a director-general of the government-backed Institute of Foreign Affairs

ist state's foundation. as the new Communist Party

isolated Stalinist state in recent years and in 1991 officially assumed control of its million-strong army. But speculation persisted. fuelled by his absence from

his father. About a week ago German diplomats in North Korea reported that leaflets calling for the overthrow of the Pyon-



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## Women conquer Iran's highest mountain

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TEHRAN (AFP) \_ group of Iranian women. in significant traces is ly covered in keeping with Islamic tradition, climbed. "These threats come from the top of the country's him the two countries that have the top of the country's high since the 1979 revolution. oewspaper reported. The group of 16 students from Tehran universines, climber the northeastern flank of the Damavand in northeasten Iran to the peak. 5.671 metres (18,710 feet) above eround, the daily Hamshalm said. It was an unprecedented climb for women who been increasingly excluded from sports since the revolution because of religious result. tions. But mountain climbing has become considered it practical sport for woments. cause they can take pan whcovered meeting Islamics.

### Singapore schools face rising indiscipline

SINGAPORE (AFP) -Singapore's promotion of Asian values may be have little impact in its school where teachers say truano. gangsterism and in som cases drug and alcohol abus are on the rise. Reponing or a recent meeting of 30 teachers, the Singapore Teachers Union (STU) sad other problems in schools in clude stealing, intimacy with the opposite sex, vandalisa, gambling and the viewing of pornographic material. The disclosures run in the face of a longstanding government campaign to promote Confucianist values among Sing aporeans including respect for elders and teachers. (25% of "open defiance and blazar disrespect for teachers at increasing in our schools. union president Lawrence Sa wrote in The Mentor. STU's newsletter, received Tuesday. In a National Dr. address to Singaporeans is week Prime Minister Go Chok Tong said his gover ment would defend and strengthen family value Schools can teach ethics at confucianism. "but school teachers cannot replace p rents and grandparents as the principal models for the children, he said. Mr. Sa said that while the STU WE addressing the problem de government could also help.
The STU is of the view that the Education Ministry must also do more to support the teachers to deal with this problem." Mr. Sia said. The teachers cited peer influence; poor parental supervision and unfavourable home

## Chinese taxi drivers offer

drivers, desperate for f tom, are offering conviback-seat female company part of the service, the gaing Evening News said. now common for drivers cities across China 10 pretty young women in before seat who jump into the hard who jump into the hard who jump into the hard who in the seat who jump into the hard who in the seat who jump into the seat wh back when the customer in and amuse him with a servation, the newspaper ported. In Nanjing, for each ple, 20 per cent of taxis offer this service and so customers refuse to get unless such a lady is pressi



group of Rwandan refugees wait for authorisation from Zairean authorities to cross the border at the Goma border post. Over 3,000 Rwandan refugees are still attempting to flee into Zaire despite a new planned meeting between Rwandan and Zairean government ministers to lead to a full agreement oo the voluntary repatriation of refugees (AFP photo)

## Bosnian premier blasts Britain, France

SARAJEVO (Agencies) — Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic criticised Britain and France Wednesday for threatening to withdraw their peacekeepers from Bosnia if the U.N. arms embargo

est mountain for the first time embargo on Bosnia, the two governments that gave a tremendous advantage to our enemy," he told Reuters.

"I would understand and respect total neutrality, but once you make a decision to deprive a people and a country of the right to defend themselves in a cataclysmic situation you cannot just walk away because your troops are in danger.

Bosnia's Muslim and Croat-hacked government has been battling Bosnian Serbs for 28 months.

U.S. President Bill Clinton intends to ask the U.N. Security Council to lift the arms embargo against Bosnia if Serbs do not accept an international peace plan by Oct. 15.

Bosnian Serbs voted last weekend in atreferendum to back their leaders in rejecting. the plan, which would divide Bosnia roughly in half be-tween the Serbs and their Muslim and Croat foes.

Britain and France, who contribute the majority of peacekeepers in Bossupport the lifting the

embargo as a last resort only. They say the move would escalate what bas been a lowintensity conflict into an allout war, forcing them to withdraw their lightly-armed, "I do not see the argument for automatic withdrawal," Silajdzic said.

"Instead I see the British and French responsibility and hability to Bosnia. It would be a final admission on the part of the ioternational community that they cannot stop a bunch of fascists killing people at their will in

Rebel Serbs bave enjoyed a hoge advantage in tanks and heavy artillery over government troops throughout the war and, until recently, regular resupply from neighbouring Serbia.

The Security Council has repeatedly identified the Serb side as the aggressor in Bosnia, and it locked this advantage in heavy arms in place with an arms embargo that hobbled government troops

Mediators shrug off Bosnia's moral complaints, saying the embargo is de-fensible because it bas prevented a wider Balkan or European war by containing the conflict.

France expressed support Wednesday for a Russian proposal to hold a new meeting of the international contact group on Bosnia to consider lifting sanctions against Belgrade.

French Foreign Ministry spokesman Richard Duque said Paris has suggested a meeting next week of senior officials, "with the idea of an eventual meeting at ministerial level."

Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev called Monday for a further meeting of the five-power group at minrespond to Belgrade's embargo on its former Bosnian Serb

Mr. Kozyrev criticised the West's lukewarm reaction to the Yugoslav move. So far Russia's partners in the group — Britain, France,

Germany and the United States — bave insisted that Belgrade allow international observers along the Serbia-Bosnia border to make sure its break is made concrete.

Mr. Duque said next week's meeting should "evaluate" the situation, especially after Mr. Kozyrev' recent two-day visit to former Yugoslavia, stressing that the contact group's "continued coherence and credibility" was a priority. 'At every stage of the poli-

tical and diplomatic process, (the group's members) have compared their analyses and adopted a common position. I believe the member-countries of the group all support the maintenance of this cohesion," be said.

He could not say if sanctions could be lifted, recalling only that the contact group had always taken a "double approach — to punish those who reject the plan and encourage those who support

Belgrade, faced with increased sanctions against the rump Yugoslav state of Serbia and Montenegro, severed ties with the Bosnian Serbs in August over their rejection of the contact group's latest peace plan for Bosnia.

The rejection was sealed by a referendum last weekend, with preliminary results showing that at least

rejected the peace plan which reserved 49 per cent of Bosnia for BosnianSerbs and 51 per cent for the Muslims and Croats.

chiefs back Russia, long-time ally of Belgrade, described the boycott decision by Serhian in court President Slododan Milosevic LAGOS (R) — Leaders of Nigeria's oil unions, sacked by as "courageous" and criti-cised the West's "bureaucramilitary ruler General Sani tic inertia" in facing new Abacha in a crackdown on their nine-week-old strike to

On Tuesday, Washington said it was disappointed by Moscow's stance which it said risked destroying the very cohesion within the contact group that had pushed Belself a target of armed attacks grade to break with its former activists last week, the union-

The United States and Germany are insisting that sanctions cannot he lifted against Belgrade unless it agrees to international patrols to ensure that the Serbia-Bosnia border is sealed.

Washington is also keen to lift an international arms embargo which bits the mainly Muslim Bosnian government hardest, in response to the Bosnian Serb "no."

In a newspaper interview Tuesday, French Prime Minister Edouard Balladur repeated a threat to withdraw French peacekeepers from Bosnia if the arms embargo were lifted but said Belgrade's cutting of ties with the Bosnian Serbs "could be a turning point in the con-

In a separate decision, the French cabinet Wednesday approved a bill adapting French law to allow cooperation with an international tribunal in The Hague, set up to judge possible war crimes in former Yugoslavia

# Rwandan refugee talks stall

GOMA. Zaire (R) — Talks fore dispersing. "They may Goma. between Zaire and Rwanda on meet tomorrow," one said. The the 1.2 million refugees in

On the other side of the Of the Rwandan ministers. central African country, the United Nations said continued Kagera River.

Patriotic Front (RPF) soldiers Kigali. seeking revenge on Hutus for slaughtering Tutsi tribesmen.

Nigeria's

sacked oil

opple his government, were

back in court Wednesday to

Represented by radical lawyer Gani Fawehinmi, him-

on several pro-democracy

ists are asking the court to

At his first sitting on Aug

23, the judge temporarily rein-

stated them pending Wednes-day's bearing of their suit.

Oil workers struck on July 4

wealthy businessman widely

believed to have won last

election, and cede power to

declare their sacking illegal.

challenge their dismissal.

union

Wa Kamanda and Defence mated more than a million under control. killings were driving 12,000 re- Minister Admiral Mavua, rep- people were killed. fugees a week into Tanzania resenting the Zairean governagera River.

Sendashonga and two other dan training camp near Buka-housing many of the refugees.

A U.N. official said the kill-cabinet ministers, whose vu, that the 28,000 members of There are regular reports of ings appeared to be the work names have not been released. Rwanda's defeated army now of Hutu militizmen turned representing the Tutsi- in Zaire will not be allowed to latest Tuesday in Honga, bandits and not of Rwanda dominated government in launch a counter-attack on northwest of Bukavu, where

The Rwandans, anxious to persuade the Hutus who fled in money, weapons, cars and spy. After two days of postpone-ments to the talks in the east-come home, are asking the army and Hutu-dominated ern Zairean town of Goma, Zairean army to protect re- government fled to Zaire. Zairean delegates waited for fugees who want to return two hours at the Community of from the Hutu militiamen who area. It's hard to tal the Great Lakes building be- terrorise the camps around from people with

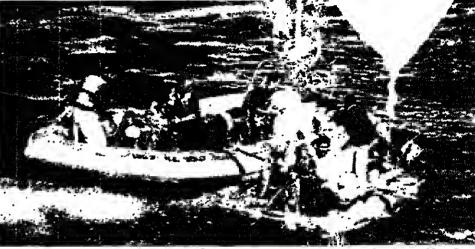
"That's the most dif eust

oma. thing," said one delegate.
The refugees fled to Zaire The Zaireans hope the Delegates said the two de- after RPF forces routed the Rwandan government can squalid camps in eastern Zaire legations of technical experts former Hutu government army reassure refugees it is safe to ran into more problems were having trouble agreeing and allied milinamen who con-return home, before the rainy Wednesday when the Rwan- on a working document and ducted massacres of Tutsis and season starts in earnest and dan delegations failed to turn the process was also being held moderate Hutus following the brings a new wave of disease to up by protocol over reception assassination of Hutu Presi- camps where relief workers are dent Juvenal Habyarimana on only now starting to bring Justice Minister Kamanda April 6. The U.N. has esti- deadly diseases like cholera

Security is already a problem The official Rwandan rele- and shelter is likely to become and five to eight bodies a day ment, must first receive Rwan- gates also want assurances, fire one when rain starts to wash were being fished out of the da's Interior Minister Seth lowing reports about a Rwan away the rudimentary shelters

> There are regular reports of lynchings in the camps, the refugees stoned to death a man They demand the return of they accused of being a Tutsi

> > The United Nations has begun deploying a small number of human rights monitors to reassure refugees and gather evidence of human rights



the Florida Straics by midday Tuesday (AFP

significant increase since a weekend storm prevented people from leaving the Communist island nation.

to demand Gen. Abacha free Mr. Moshood Ahiola, the That storm and repeated warnings that rafters would be held indefinitely at the year's annulled presidential U.S. navy's base at Gnantanamo Bay, Cuba, reduced the numbers of refugees dra-

We were kind of pleased

with the low numbers we

were getting," said Chief Pet-ty Officer Steve Sapp. "We

were boping for zero, but

now we're back up to 731. It's

not promising."
The Coast Guard bad pick-

ed up 17,559 Cubans in Au-

gust, as of Monday, bringing

the year's total to 22,290 -

more than in the last 10 years

combined, said senior chief

Cubans began fleeing their homeland in large oumbers

Aug. 5 after the worst rioting of Cnban President Fidel

Castro's rule. By last week, the flow of refugees bad

grown into the largest exodus since the 1980 Mariel boatlift

brought 125,000 Cubans to

Florida's shores in five

churned up seven-foot (two-

metre) waves in the Florida

Strait and the new U.S. poli-

cy of detaining all Cubans

either at Guantanamo or an

immigration detention centre

west of Miami slowed the

On Tuesday, however,

dozens of rafts were spotted bobbing in the 90-mile (145-

km) strait separating Key

their minds sort of expected

this to happen," said Lt. J.J.

Fisher, commander of the

110-foot (33-metre) Coast

Guard cutter Drummond, as

"Everybody in the back of

West from Cuba.

But a weekend storm that

Luis Diaz.

months.

flood.

Mr. Abiola is being tried for treason for proclaiming himself president in defiance of Niger-Only 84 rafters were picked up by the Coast Guard Sunday, but that number ina's army rulers, a case that has inleashed an avalanche of riots creased to 295 Monday. By mid-afternoon Tues-

Gen. Abacha sacked the unday, Coast Guard ships had ion leaders in a state of the picked up 731 Cubans, a nation broadcast two weeks surge that mirrored what ago in which he also ordered happened last week when the the oil workers to return to flow of refugees increased to their jobs. as many as 3,000 a day.

Those in the state-owned ligerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) heeded the call but most of the workers in private oil companies have ignored the order. The sacked union chiefs in-

sist the strike continues. 'We remain on strike," a spokesman for the white-collar

oil workers union PENGAS-AN said by telephone. The union leaders have said they are in hiding to avoid

arrst. Frank Kokori, the general secretary of the main oil union NUPENG, which launched the strike before it was oined by PENGASSAN, Was detained sbortly after Gen. Abacha's broadcast.

nanding in their suit that he should be produced in court. They are also challenging the government's appointment of administrators to run their

20 per cent. But the fuel crunch appears

in the last two months appeared shorter Wednesday Motorists said the black market price of fuel bad also come down. "Last week a 50 itre jerrycan of petrol was 1,500 naira (\$68). Today I bought it for 800 naira (\$36), one said,

Three of the country's four refineries had been put out of ection by the strike. The Nigerian Tribune news-

spokesman declined to com-

mainstay.

Gen. Abacha, facing the toughest challenge of his 10month rule, last week sacked his army and navy chiefs.

arrangements fc 13 these refugees with it. officials when U. migration talks reserved New York Thursday. such talks were beld

dent Fidel Castro.

rafter exodus shows that the Castro regime is losing its grip on the Cuban people, and that conditions may be ripe for rebellion.

Wednesday edition aid Panama would allow the United States to house 10,000 Cubans for six months at U.S. military bases along the Panama Canal and Honcuras

Assembly and a former foreign minister, to bead its fivemember delegation to the Thursday talks in New York

was the best qualified to deal with what it called the "deli-cate issue" of emigration, adding he had ample knowledge of the "func mental causes" of the recent xodus

¿ a's stance that the deparof thousands of rafters s month has been caused

ing U.S. emhargo against the Caribbean island. Reflecting this, a commentary in the ruling Communist Party newspaper Granma said the time had come "to find amidst the turbulent ocean waters the necessary

On beaches east of Havasetting sail or putting finishing touches to their ves-

Rafters said they planned on beating any change in policy coming from the U.S.-

couraging unsafe, illegal immigration and encouraging safe, legal, orderly migration.

20,000 in a bid to halt the flow of illegal boat people.

The officials insisted they would rebuff any attempt by Cuba to extend the talks, at the U.S. mission to the United Nations, beyond the subject of migration. The subject of the long-standing U.S. trade embargo against Cuba is not to be discussed.

The U.S. delegation will be led by principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs ∛fichael Skol.



Cuban refugees are helped in boarding a U.S. Coast Guard cutter on patrol off the coast of Cuba. The number of people fleeing Cuba on rafts has increased, following a period of

## widely dispersed troops. 96 per cent of Bosnian Serbs Support grows for Haiti invasion

WASHINGTON (AFP) -Support is growing for a U.S.-led invasion of Haiti if Haiti's military refuses to bow to international pressure and step down, with Caribbean countries and Britain

pledging their backing. The new support comes at time when the U.S. administration is refocusing its attentions on the impoverished Caribbean country after two weeks in which the exodus of refugees from Cuba took up most of its

It parallels a U.N. decision U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali. In the Jamaican capital on

Tuesday to abandon efforts to negotiate the departure of Haiti's military junta after the military leaders refused to meet with the envoy of

next decade as a token of

apology for victims of

"It is imperative for us

Japanese to look squarely to

our history with the peoples

of neighbouring Asia and

Regarding "comfort

Women" — the estimated 200,000 women abducted by

anese army to serve as

aggression before

countries agreed to contribute troops to a 10,000strong multinational force in Haiti to support a possible U.S.-led invasion to oust the military leadership in Port-Au-Prince. U.S. officials, seeking to

keep the pressure on the military junta in Haiti, said

arrived," U.S. Deputy De-fence Secretary Joho Deutch told Caribbean foreign ministers in Kiogston. "There should be oo question in any-body's mind that a multinational force is going to

and Trinidad and Tobago

Kingston, four Caribbean

that training for a possible military intervention would begin immediately in Puerto The time for action has

Jamaica, Barbados, Belize,

capped the two-day meening of the 13-member Caribbean Community (Caricom) by pledging to contribute 266 troops in a non-combat role to support U.S. forces, said Barbados Prime Minister Erskine Saudiford.

Two other member states - Guyana and the Bahamas - said they were considering contributing forces to a Caricom contingent. Antigua was first reported to be ready to send troops, but was later taken off the list.

If Guyana and the Bahamas join the mission, Mr. Sandiford said, it would mean all Caricom members with military capabilities will be involved in the mission.

At a oews conference with Mr. Sandiford, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott declined to predict how long the United States would wait for Haiti's junta to leave power of their own accord.

But be said, "there is a sense of increased urgency" following the refusal of Haitian military leaders to meet with U.N. envoy Rolf Knutsson and the assassination of a Roman Catholic priest close to exiled Hainan President Jean Bertrand Aristide. The U.S. delegation later

left for the Dominican Republic which shares the island of Hispaniola with Hairi to seek more support in closing off the border, the chief entry point for U.N.-prescribed goods into Haiti.

Also Tuesday, the British government said it was prepared to join a U.S.-led multinational invasion of Haiti.

## projects

comfort women.

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might add more projects to

"As far as the government is concerned, there will be no compensation extended to in-

1952 San Fransciso Peace

state reparations for comfort

the list, such as defusing chemical weapons of the Japanese Imperial Army left in China and other plans for countries outside Asia. He did not elaborate.

Top government spokes-man Kozo Igarashi said the government might help put together a private fund as a means to provide monetary compensation for former

dividuals," Mr. Igarashi told Japan maintains that the question of reparations,

Treaty and subsequent hilateral treaties. Many governments, in-cluding South Korea and Malaysia, have said they will

The union leaders are de

unions. Their strike had cboked of fuel supplies and cut Nigeria's crude oil production by about

to be easing. The long queues for petrol visible in most cities

Nigeria's biggest oil refinery. ocated in the oil city of Port Harcourt, reopened Monday.

paper reported Wednesday that 15 people had been apprehended by securitymen in Port Harcourt while allegedly attempting to bomb pipeines leading from the refinery to other parts of the country. It did not say when the arrests took place and a police

The government has said it is aking seriously threats by union chiefs to sabotage the oil ndustry, Nigeria's economic

that are reporting that they would not have left if they had known they were going to Guantanamo," said Chief

The rafter exodul has boosted recruitment in Miami's Cuban exile paramilitary groups and prempted renewed calls for commando invasions and acus of rebellion to overthrow Presi-

Commando leaders say the The New York Times in as

would take up to 5,000 re-

fugees.
It said Panama and Hon-duras, which made the announcement Tuesday are the first countries to wer more than a token resp : se to the U.S. government's efforts to persuade Carib-bean countries to help pro-vide for the flood of Cuban

boat people.
Cuba has picked seasoned diplomat Ricardo Alarcon, president of the National with the United States. A Cuban government

statement said Mr. Alarcon

it spotted rafters. The refugees waved flags and shirts to attract attention and pleaded for water. Coast Guard personnel on small boats threw them life rafts and tried to keep them grouped together to make it easier to pick them up for transport to the Guantanamo Bay naval base.

Although many of the refugees rescued in recent days have said they would rather be detained at a U.S. base than remain in Cuba, some of the 1,300 Cubans being held in the barbed-wire tent camp at Guantanamo have asked to be sent home. U.S. officials said.

"We're... seeing Cubans Petty Officer Sapp. "Now

## Crew members from the U.S.-Coast Guard authorities reported seeing some 30 rafts on Cutter Legare rescue Cuban rafters some 30 miles off the coasts of Cuba. Coast guard Cuban exodus resumes 沫 Parnest MIAMI (Agencies) — The U.S. Coast Guard rescued 731 Cubans trying to reach Florida by raft Tuesday, a nis was a reference to you're seeing some ? 5:4: Guantanamo ... they want to wherever t. t just by what it views as Cuba.' U.S. officials y toward Havana but wider

issues such as the longstand-

political good sense and flexibility to allow Cuba to coexist at the side of the United States without interference, pressure or aggression." na, dozens of boat people were seen Tuesday morning

sels. Some of the ramshackle rafts were seen returning Tuesday afternoon when the weather grew stormy.

Cuba talks. A senior U.S. official in Washington said that at the Thursday talks, the United States would aim at "dis-

U.S. officials indicated they aimed to nudge legal immigration by Cubans up toward an annual figure of

back-seat company BEIJING (R) - Chinese

cat-OM-4 be liner is said.

#### TOKYO (R) — Japao announced Wednesday it was setting up a \$1 billion fund backgrounds as common for cultural and vocational causes for misbehaviour in projects across Asia over the schools, the newsletter side.

elsewhere." Prime Minister Tomichi Murayama said in a latement anoouncing the plan, called the friendship and ex-initiative," includes and student exjoint historical re-Search on World War II, re-partition of Koreans left be-indion the Russian island of Sakhim and compensation for Russianese who served in for farwanese who served in the Japanese military before

## Japan to spend \$1 b on 'war apology' sex slaves in battlefield brothels — Mr. Murayama

help build vocational training centres for women in Asia. Mr. Murayama's plan to deal with the continued furor over Japan's wartime atrocities follows a series of law suits in recent years by victims and civic groups across Asia seeking damage and

government apologies.

said the government would

The programme is due to start next year, the 50th anniversary of Japan's World War II surrender. The announcement also followed remarks by two cabinet ministers earlier this year which triggered protests

from both Koreas and China. Justice Minister Shigeto Nagano claimed the 1947 Nanking massacre was a figment of Chinese wartime propaganda, wbile Environment Minister Shin Sakurai denied Japan was an aggressor in World War II. both were subsequently forced to

Under the plan, Japan will fund various youth and cultural exchanges with Asian and other countries, engage in joint historical research on World War II, and set up an Asian bistorical document centre somewhere in the re-

Japan formally admitted

last year that its army bad

kidnapped teenage girls from homes and workplaces to serve as sex slaves. Many Filipino and Korean survivors, responding to earlier reports about the vocational training scheme, have said the measure would be

insufficient and are pressing

for direct, monetary com-

pensation.

"On the issue of wartime 'comfort woman,' which seriously stained the honour and dignity of many women, I would like to take this opportunity once again to ex-press my profound and sincere remorse and apologies," Mr. Murayama said in the

either to states or to individuals, was settled under the

Mr. Igarashi said Japan

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**Preparing** 

**HER ROYAL Highness F** ing of a meeting comp: delegation to the Cairo Con . .n Population Wednesday in order to arti-# he Jordanian position is a timely exerc : view of the importance of the Cairo g . ing. The deep division of opinion between the participating nations on the critical issues pertaining to birth control makes it all the mure pressing that Jordan's stance on these and related issues become coherent. There is of course the economic side of the equation touching upon the link between population increases a :d d. velopment in all its aspects which we at thre was also addressed by the Wedr ay PORgs.

With regard to the r df. ug issue before the global meeting in real west is dearly the abortion and birt . and issues. On these emotionally charged ects, Javdan's position d in the Jordanian has already been ele working paper adopt is end of Wednesday's preparatory n ,fordan's position ....f Islam. This is totally conforms to the indeed comforting and nians. Where we may fine ach a perspective is the fact a . single school of thought in I: .giouslycharged topics. Unfortu sic world is deeply divided on the i. on and the use of birth control metho se adopting aggressive population cont es and others clinging to more orthodox o The fact that some Muslim countries such di Arabia and Sudan have already opted t cott the Cairo conference reflects the deep ion within the Islamic world on matters relate I to population control. In this sense resting the Jordanian case on Islam without further identifying and clarifying this position may put Jordan on a collision course with the other nations of the world including those who share our faith. And that is not all. We must not forget that there are other minority religions in Jordan whose stand on abortion and on birth control any also have to be

As for the other dimen: 11 of the subject matter, Jordan has a stake in a pulation control since its meager resources, especially when it comes to water, must put a limit on the extent that we can accommodate pop of tion explosion whether naturally or by massin. aigrations due to political upheavals in the Middle East. How to reconcile all these considerations which could be diametrically opposed to one other on times is obviously the best challenge a cing our delegation. Over and above these insiderations, Jordan cannot adopt policy guidelines in the conference which are insensitive to the pressing needs of other countries of the world such as China, Indonesia and Egypt. The fact that Jordan is doing its homework in advance of the Cairo conference may indeed help the Jordanian delegation to be both constructive ad sensitive to Jordan's peculiar circumstances.

ARABIC PRESS COMMETTARIES

AL RA'I Arabic daily Wednesd : \_\_alled i a more active European, particularly French and Gein achieve stability and peace in the Aladde F . role to help .. Referring to His Majesty King Hussein's visits to 7 a and Bonn, the paper said that the King's policie appreciated in Europe and this was manife h and German official statements that supp ngdom's peace endeavours. There is no dou. propean nations realise that Jordan has shou v burdens as a result of the Arab-Israeli con. intinues to offer assistance to thousands of displ. stinians, said the paper. In their statements, the :n officials were explicit about their intentions to con-ir- e to provide aid to the country not only to pursue the 'orts for peace and security in this region, but also to hel 'it shoulder its heavy burdens, added the daily. It is clear to the Europeans that Jordan seeks genuine and lasting peace and it is, therefore, hoped that the Europeans will come to Jordan's help in ensuring sustainable development and economic progress in the atmosphere of peace through continued economic assistance, the paper said.

A COLUMNIST IN Al Dustour daily described media attacks on the Lebanese government for housing the displaced Palestinian refugees as ridiculous. Moving displaced Palestinians from the pavements of Beirut to humble homes by no means aims at settling them permanently in Lebanon, said Mohammad Kawash. These Palestinians had their homes destroyed in the civil war and the government is trying to house them temporarily until a permanent solution can be found, said the writer. This move, he said, cannot be described as settling refugees in Lebanon nor can it mean that the Palesiinians have lost their national identity, stressed the writer. The Lebanese have all the right to reject a solution to the refugees problem at their own expense and the Palestinians refuse to see a regional conflict settled at the expense of their loss of their own homeland, added the writer. He said that the current move to help the refugees, conducted in cooperation with UNRWA, can only be described as a humanitarian gesture towards the helpless people.

The View From Academia

By Dr. Ahmad Y. Majdoubeh

# The challenge of professional tourism

JUDGING FROM what we hear these days, and what we have been hearing for quite some time, by government officials, businessmen and ordinary citizens, Jordan seems to have taken the issue of marketing itself as a touristic country quite seriously. If this is the case iodeed, then a great deal of hard work needs to be done.

The "if" here, first of all, is crucial. The question whether a country is touristically marketable is a real question. According to experts in the field, not any country with a few historical sites here and there (even if some of them happen to be quite magnificent), a few attractive locations and a few scenic views (no matter how breathtaking they may be) can succeed in selling itself to international or foreign tourists. Tourism is a complex matter—more complex than many of us think. In addition to substantial historic sites—which are archaeologically, aesthetically, anthropologically and culturally rich and profound—there has to be an interesting landscape, a congenial weather, an appealing social atmosphere, a mystique, a psychology, a philosophy. And there have to be, of course, viable policies and excellent services and facilities.

And there is also an economic dimension. For a country (like ours) to make itself more visible and more competitive, a great deal of money is to be spent. How much will the country actually get in return? After all, tourism is an industry, a trade and an investment. Whoever is in charge must carefully study the costs and the benefits. A few years ago, an Algerian professor of archaeology told me that in his opinion Algeria (and this was long before the present messy situation offered itself) would not be, despite its overall historic and geographic richness, worth investing money in for no matter how much you spent on improving its overall touristic prospects, you would not get your money's worth. He cited several reasons to prove his point.

Whether the Algerian professor's claim about the prospects of tourism in Algeria is valid or not, there is truth in the theme of his claim: A country ought to assess carefully its own qualifications and study well its economic prospects before it launches the costly campaign of tourist attraction. We assume that our Jordanian tourism experts have done

their homework in this respect.

Secondly, there is no doubt that Jordan has done a great deal to encourage both local and foreign tourists to make use of its many charming spots. The neat/beautiful houses at Petra, the Dead Sea, Um Qais, Jerash, and other locations are examples of the fruitful cooperation between the public and private sectors of which we have seen much lately. Not long ago you could not find a single room during the high season in Aqaba; today, the situation has improved dramatically. The government has also improved transportation immensely; there is now a respectable network of roads and highways linking the various parts of the Kingdom, making trips to major sites and locations much more convenient and enjoyable than in the near past. Taking into account that Jordan is a developing country

and that its resources are quite limited, the steps it has taken with the overall purpose of encouraging tourism are commendable indeed. This we must admit.

Thirdly, despite these dramatic changes and improvements, we have a long way to go. In my opinion, there is a big difference between what we may call "casual" tourism and professional tourism. The former is spontaneous, haphazard, disorganised, or limited in scope. It is either for the local visitor who aims to kill time or the foreign visitor who comes for a specific purpose. The latter is much more conscious, well-thought out, well-planned, well-advertised, well-administered, well-executed. I would argue that ours has so far been primarily of the casual type.

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For causal tourism, we do not have to do much. We can approach the things the way we have been for quite sometime. For professional tourism, however, we have to do a lot, if we want our efforts not to be wasted and if we want to generate real income.

The following, among other things, are a must:

— We need to take more care of the places we think are worth developing. I'll cite one example to illustrate the fact that many of our potentially excellent tourist attractions are in a sorrowful state. A few days ago I went to Al Hamma. The hot water was great; the small hotel was acceptable. In the afternoon, I took a walk in the small town in which the hot spring is located, called Al Mukhayheh. I was shocked. Not only was it filthy, but it was also extremely neglected, out of shape, unappealing, depressed and depressing. This is a shame not only because the hot spring can attract and accommodate thousands of tourists, but there is also the famous site of the Yarmouk battle which could be publicised, the Yarmouk River, and the beautiful Golan Heights. The town could certainly use some basic facilities, some cleanliness, some trees on the sidewalk, nay a sidewalk, etc.

— We need to prepare our citizens and educate them about tourism. So far we have not had a serious encounter with tourists; they are not part of our daily lives. Soon, they are expected to be. We need to explain a lot to our citizens, at the various levels of their dealings with tourists, in terms of how to deal with them. Tourists appreciate courtesy, but they do not relish rudeness or over-friendliness. We may even have to offer courses at schools or universities with this end in mind.

— We need to pay attention to the quality of service at our rest houses, shops, hotels, airports, airline offices, restaurants, etc. This is an area of real weakness in our part

Tourists are people who travel much, see much, and compare much. We have to be prepared to offer them the best of service, if we are to compete well.

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it. But the challenge is great. We need to radically alter the looks of our touristic sites, our facilities, our services, our public behaviour, and our attitude. Can we do all of this? And can we do it well?

# Delors keeps French guessing

By John Follain
Reuter

LORIENT, France — European Commission (EC) president Jacques Delors is keeping Socialist supporters guessing whether he will yield to their pressure and stand for the French presidency or slip into retirement next year.

He steps down in January after a landmark decade in Brussels and there is still no clue whether he will ignore eocouraging opinion polls and shrug off left-wing appeals to contest next April's French presidential election.

An amhivalent Delors, 69, came under yet more pressure to stand on Sunday at a meeting in the Brittany Port of Lorient of his club Temoin (witness), a left-wing political forum.

Jack Lang, a flamboyant former culture minister close to President Francois Mitterrand, threw his weight behind Mr. Delors—without ever naming him in deference to the latter's refusal to commit himself.

"We make the wish that a strong-willed president should also be the man to reconcile the French, and I believe I have been that man among us here." Mr. Lang told an audience including Mr. Delors.

"But I will not say his name... he is a free man, and he would be a president of reconciliation and struggle to forge a true democracy in France," Mr. Lang said.

Socialist Party (PS) spokesman Jean Glavany, in an interview on Radio-J, piled on the pressure saying: "Delors is the best-placed" to challenge conservatives favoured in opinion polls.

For Mr. Delors, an exfinance minister who joined the Socialist Party io 1974 but distanced himself from its apparatus and factions, such endorsement was not entirely welcome.

Calls for Mr. Delors to run have multiplied since former premier Michel Rocard was ousted as PS leader in June following an European Parliament election debacle. Mr. Rocard was previously regarded as the left's natural candidate.

As he loudly insists the value he holds dearest in his own independence. Mr. Delors has the unpleasant feeling that he is being boxed into a corner. his aides say.

For a man hailed as the PS' possible saviour, Mr. Delors had precious little of the preacher's fire in him.

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But he did lift a veil on what could be the campaign issues, saying citizens were distrustful of the state, and blasting "those in power who manipulate the state."

He decounced conservatives who argue it is possible to reduce taxes and maintain the welfare system intact, and appealed for more grassroots democracy.

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Refusing to be swayed, a moody Delors blew hot and cold on the likelihood of his standing at a Saturday news conference.

Signalling he might not stand, Mr. Delors said that he was not scared of retirement, that nobody had ever disposed of him, and that being a candidate could encroach on his independence.

His closest aides say he is not playing games — he is genuinely undecided.

# Looking to the future, learning from the past

By Nasouh Al Majali

THE FUTURE of the Middle East region in the peace era was the focus of attention of a group of intellectual Jordanians concerned with public affairs this

The question of the young Jordanian people's identity and its future influenced by the openness to Israel, was raised by one of the group, a physician by profession, who expressed fears that Arah youth identity could be lost under the pressure of the foreign and overwhelming currents that would undoubtedly leave their impact on Arab values and concepts, with the result that young people feel alienated in their own

Another member of the group, a lawyer by profession, is certain that the whole peace process is nothing but ceding of Arabright. Expressing his astonishment at the speed in which the peace talks are proceeding, he wondered how the Arah society would deal with a new situation whereby Jews could at any moment be converging on us in the form of tourists, tradesmen or others.

A teacher called for caulious steps, saying that Arab society is in need of 'immunisation" in the face of the coming stage, warning against rushing to embrace the Jews. In his view, the Jordanian society is in need of a new language and new mentality that can absorb this "revolutionary move" at the same time, he said, one has to respect people's attitudes and feelings which have developed over the years of a totally different concept and orientation.

The peace process was described by a leftist taking part in this dialogue as a tool aimed at achieving for the colonialist powers and Israel what has not been accomplished through wars and conflict at the expense of the Arab Nation. In his view, Israel and the West have not changed their objectives at a time when Israel continues to occupy Arab land and impose its own will on the Arabs.

The peace process came under severe attack by a religious person who described the Jews as "the killers of prophets" and

who are not deterred from desecrating holy shrines by any inhibitions.

These were some of the ideas toyed over by the group, and whether they are based on logic or sentiments, they reflect similar situations among other groups of people who continually express their apprehensions to or reservations about the question of peace with Israel.

When it was my turn to speak, I told the physician that the coming peace constituted a gate leading to the future, hut noted that our trip after passing the gate is not ready made for us.

It could be shaped by our endeavours and through hard work.

If we are careful and able

to chart a sound course of action that would guarantee our interests, we should fear nothing of the future, I told him.

I indeed made it clear that peace does not mean that we have retreated from our objectives and sold our links with the Arah Nation. but it rather means substituting the continual drain of our resources through war with a peaceful method that could save face on the one hand and help us regain our rights on the other.

If some people are apprehensive and fear for our religion, we should realise that danger to our faith lies in misinterpreting its requirements or acting in such a way that drives people away from it through bad behaviour.

The danger, in my view, hes with a certain group that imposes itself on us in the name of religion, acting as judges ruling over people with harsh decisions and verdicts, particularly whenever people differ in view with this group, which resorts to intimidation to impose its own will. This is done whenever people try to adopt a method or follow a coorse that would attain progress and prosperity in line with the requirements

of the modern age.

No one in the world has this absolute right, and the religious scholars can only call people to worship God and behave. These should make their call gently without intimidation or harsh behaviour.

The danger to our religion stems from within of

ourselves, especially if we fail to present the right image of the Islamic faith to the world and if we fail to uphold justice and moderation something which characterises our true faith. Danger to our faith results from our clinging to the

It is true that Islam is targeted by Zionists and others, but should we demonstrate a moderate course of action in life and if we follow the right path, our adversaries will be at a loss and frustrated.

The best methods of calling to people to follow the teachings of Islam can be successful when they are presented nicely and prop-erly and attractively without any trend towards extremist sentiments. Indeed we seldom see such positive attitudes in our mosque preachers, who are, more often than not, delivering sermons marked with anger, attack or condemnation, forgetting that the worshippers too have their own intellects and sentiments and feelings and that they can understand things without much ado.

Reasoning quietly can be much more effective on people than the language of harsh language, especially as some of our scholars indeed possess influence through their eloquence and can set a good example to other religious leaders.

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Islam and our tradition.

As to pan-Arabism, it is in disarray, with the Arab World deeply divided into states and entities. It is to be regretted that these states have been bedevilled with their own regimes who consecrated divisions and whose actions have adversely affected the meaning of nationalism.

The Palestine question,

which is one of the most chronic and most complicated issues, has been behind the Arah World's weakness and inability to achieve the aspired strength and progress. But the same issue has also given justification to Arab regimes to suppress any trend towards socio-political change and progress.

The result was some kind of schizophrenia, with Arab

leaders acting totally differeot from their beliefs and their concepts like saying that they advocate unity but are in fact acting towards consolidating divisions and secession. or claiming to be revolutionaries seeking liberation, but are in fact and in practice wielding absolute power, oppressing their own peoples. And while advocating collective Arab action and economic integration, they demonstrate their keenness on blocking any path leading to inter-

Arab cooperation.

Never was Arabism at fault. The fault lies with the political equation prevailing in the Arab World, which has rendered the Arabs impotent in the face of genuine change in many areas.

Yet the Arabs still have elements of unity and strength represented in their geographic and demographic proximity, which acts as a catalyst to the inevitable unity sought by the generations in the present and the future.

For this reason, one can

say that the elements of our identity and our religion and ethnic origin are all firm and solid. Should the pressure caused by the outstanding issues, including the Palestine problem end, democracy would rule supreme serving as the true lever that stimulates and enhances real power and that causes the required change and brings justice which opens the door for the future.

Under democracy, the masses are the only beneficiary, provided they are ruled by a wise leadership that steers them most constructively and correctly towards attaining the requirements of modern life.

Democracy is bound to open for the coming generations wider avenues and a promising future because democracy puts an end to repression and opens the door for creativity.

Peace is a mere gate which once we pass we shoulder the responsibility of shaping the future. If our endeavour is serious and if we create the appropriate circumstances for success, our future and that of the coming generations is ensured.

Thus we can ask: What about our own role and our efforts in shaping a future in

an acceptable and reassuring manoer?

To our friend who be-

lieves that the peace process is a selling out of rights, I say that the peace process is nothing but an attempt to put right things that have been put wrong and to rectify awkward situations.

The peace process means we have started to realise the internal and external issues facing us in our struggle with Israel, which has been futile due to lack of appropriate means and potential.

In my view, the Arabs are still prisoners of their own slogans and their own beliefs which do not apply to reality. Our slogans are mere words justifying our psychological weakness and are said to compensate us for our impotence aod shortcomings. For this reason, we have been acting like the ostrich trying to hide our heads in the sand.

We have been satisfied in describing our defeat as a mere setback, our passive and idle behaviour as stead-fastness, and we have sufficed ourselves by rejecting hids for an end to the problem without presenting alternatives and without any form of national struggle. Indeed we are very clever at creating terms that help us escape realities.

I say to those fearing

peace that it is the responsibility of the intellectuals to present their own concept of sound conduct that should be adopted to help Arab citizens remain safe from hidden dangers inherent in the coming era. Any citizen, regardless of his or her occupation or social status, is in need of guidance. I hate to think of a future left totally to the mercy of the merchants and the ambition of those who seek selfinterest and fast gain. All the economic activities. which are fast moving in nature, are in need of some guidance and control lest all the coming openness fall victim to those with selfish interests and who do not harbour genuine national affiliation.

The same can be said about the international investments where Jewish participation is most likely. In this case, we should give priority to our national needs and should not rejoice over funds that come to Jordan regardless of the

way in which they will be invested and utilised for the beoefit of all. We should remember that Jordan was a recipient of huge funds over the past years, which unfortunately turned into

an economic burden. Only when the people feel that investments and funds are aimed at ensuring prosperity for the public in general can plans achieve success. We should remember the recent experiments and the 1988 events and take a lesson from the past experiences. Our country will be successful only if priorities for investment and development are carefully chosen to meet national requirements. The success of projects can be best measured through results and ability to solve part of our economic difficulties, like unemployment and external indebtedness.

It is on these points that efforts by His Majesty King Hussein together with those of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan are being exerted. They are careful to deal with any eventualities and save the country from any problems and hardships similar to those of the past. It is for this reason that the leadership in the country is keen on enhancing firm control at all stages, putting an end to corruption and excesses or abuse of authority. It is keen to employ a group of loyal and qualified people so that to utilise the peace era for the best benefit of the country.

Finally, peace with Israel does not mean we should rest assured of safety. Israel is still a foe that fought us over tens of years and still seeks to about our ambitions. Israel's policies contradict the elements of peace and all we hope to attain is to secure safety from aggression.

At the same time, dealing with Israel should by no means serve as a justification for severing our ties with our Arab brothers. We continue to need Arab backing for the future and should realise that Israel is not an alternative to inter-Arab relations, but rather a new gate to pass through with great care to achieve our goals and protect our interests

As to cultural or intellectual invasions, they do exist with or without peace. But it all depends on us and on our actions in the course of insulating ourselves against danger.

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# Many festivals, same artists

### By Mohammad Mashariqa

The last six weeks were exceptional in Jordan's cultural life. The Kingdom witnessed four big festivals for culture and arts (Fuheis, Karak, Azraq) and the holding of the third Forum for Literature Criticism, sponsored by the Ministry of Culture. The organisers pretended to be promoting local art and culture through the inclusion of domestic items on their programmes. A battalion of 200 poets and writers, the majority of them residing in Amman, were officially invited and expected to give their contributions at all these festivals.

The festival's administrators put a great deal of

emphasis on highlighting the local cultural movement. The shortage of proper domestic culture however was evident. The organisers blame writers and artists who either did not show up at all or turned down the invitations. Those who turned up, bowever, were forced to repeat themselves. Others were disappointed with the over all attitude of the festival's administrators. Some say that their concern did not go further than announcing the artists' names in the newspapers. Writers and poets who accepted the challenge complain that the arrangements agreed

with the organisers to put on a proper show were not taken seriously which in turn affected the quality of their presentations.

The festivals and the forum were successful as far as projecting a positive cultural role, but they lacked better coordination and organisation. In order to provide enough time for all participants to make constructive and creative preparations, either these occasions should take place in different times of the year or the artists' participation should be defined according to their readiness to offer the audience new and genuine art work.

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The other change to be introduced is the way organisers deal with the concept of the regional festivals. Their ambition to have a big cultural event in small towns clashes with the festival's objectives of presenting domestic experiments in the fields of art. folklore, history, archaeology and research to be done in exploring cultural symbols.

If we take Azraq as an example, which genuinely blends Druze, bedouin and peasant subcultures, their is no doubt that such a festival has a great potential for cultural and touristic exploitation. The same applies to Fuheis and Karak, which are unique cultural treasures because of their bistorical and ethnic particularities.

In spite of these facts, the festivals' sponsors put a great dead of emphasis on famous Arab stars, giving them priority in terms of propaganda, accommodation and recognition, while the local artists were left at the bottom of their agendas. The reasons behind this lay in the financial profit such shows are capable of producing. The second Fuheis Festival, for example, was this year a parade for Iraqi artists in different art fields and the slogans about the festival being an input in enriching Jordanian culture remained only sentences without meaning. While promotion of Najwa Karam's concert brought 13,000 visitors into a small town with unprepared infrastructure for hosting such a high number, the poorly propagated recitals of the local artists, some of them internationally known, were attended only by family mem-

The same attitude dominated the Karak Festival. If seems organisers assume that the increase in the quantity of cultural activities, regardless of their content, should improve the quality at future festivals. But it could also be that their intentions, in the first place, is to make profit. Whatever their motives are the time has come for evaluating their work and looking into people's expectations of the festivals.

In order to secure conditions for local growth and open doors for international recognition, there should be a distribution of activity among the festivals. While the Jerash Festival should maintain its international level, the town festivals should assume a local role. The local festivals should be part of a wider tourism policy mobilising local creative work. The Jerash Festival could select the best domestic art achievements and promote them internationally. In order 10 play such a role, the Jerash Festival should grow into a big institution with a network of communities to be assigned the task of identifying the art movement not only on Arab and international levels, but also at home. In this sense, special attention should be given to the local participants at the Jerash Festival. Their art work should be selected for the quality and content. All local participants should reflect the Jordanian cultural image internationally. It is a big responsibility. From now on it is our foremost duty to cater for and breed the local art movement with deeper concern and higher consciousness.

# People who exercise 'burn more fat even if they overeat'

By Paul Raeburn The Associated Press TORONTO — People who exercise then reach for more snacks might not lose weight, but they will alter their body chemistry in a way that burns up more fat, a researcher re-

Dr. Jorge Calles, an endocrinologist at the University of Vermont, offered what he called the first carefully controlled

burning increases significantly with exercise, even if people eat too much.

People get their energy by burning a combination of fat and carbohydrates, Dr. Calles said. In people who are naturally lean, the ratio of fat burned to carbohydrates burned is higher than in people who are overweight.

Dr. Calles found that exercise shifts that ratio so people get a higher perstudy to show that fat centage of their energy exercise is helpful for peo-

from burning fat. He reported his findings at the seventh internation-

al congress on obesity. Dr. Calles said the study supports the idea that exercising can help people lose weight. That might seem obvious, but it has been the subject of debate among obesity specialists, he said.

"There's no question about the cardiovascular benefits, and no question

ple with diabetes," Dr. Calles said. "But for treatment of obesity, there is a debate.

"We are beginning to show that indeed exercise can be beneficial.

Dr. Richard Atkinson, an obesity specialist at the University of Wisconsin, said that individual variations in fat burning help explain why some people seem to be able to eat a lot without gaining weight, while others put on weight

much more easily. Dr. Calles' study in-

volved 20 people. Some were overfed 1,000 calories per day and were not allowed to exercise, while others were overfed and assigned to do just enough exercise to burn up the

extra 1,000 calories. In those who were overfed without exercise, the amount of fat burned dropped from the equivalent of 518 calories per day to 97 calories per day. The burning of carbohydrates

In those who were overfed and who exercised, fat burning rose from the equivalent of 406 calories per day to 685, while the burning of carbohydrates

In a separate study, John Blundeli and colleagues at the University of Leeds in England found that exercise can lead to appetite suppression and weight loss. But they also found that people who exercise have to watch the fat content of their diets. because high-fat foods can overwhelm the beneficial effects of exercise.

Subjects were offered a choice of either high-fat foods or highcarbohydrate foods after exercising. In an encouraging sign, resear-chers found that the subjects had no special preference for high-fat foods after working out.

Dr. Calles acknowledged that the numbers of people in his study were small, but said it is difficult to do large studies wben people must be kept in a clinic for days at a time to monitor their diets

and their physical activity. The studies so far have been done on people with normal weights, he said. He is now planning similar studies with obese subjects, to see if they react differently to exercise.

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# Learning to drive a Formula 1 car

By Philippe Joubin

Dreaming of being a Formula 1 racing-driver, you veer left and then right and perform heel and toe manoeuvres. But you do not need to practise on your own car any more. The Winfield School, which is the best of its kind, enables you to make your dream come true and to become a Formula 1 racing driver.

PARIS — In the clas- than twenty-six Formula I trainee racing-drivers renetructor The lesson was about the study of trajectories. It was theory which was later to be followed by practical training in a Renault Formula-type of singleseater racing car.

Car racing no longer holds any secrets for the instructors at the Winfield School. Since 1964, more

Cevert, René Arnoux. Patrick Tambay and Didier Pironi and more recent ones such as Alain Prost and Jean Alesi. All of them attended either Magny-Cours, or the Paul Ricard Circuit, which are the two centres for the

French Formula I school. At regular intervals, the

sroom, you could hear the racing-drivers have learnt turn to the classroom to flies. A dozen young peo- their profession there. learn the theory of steerple literally drank in the They include famous ing and heel-and-toe techseniors such as Francois niques, which form the basis of a racing-driver's profession. After that, they train on the circuit, doing a few laps on a 16 valve Renault Clio, together with an instructor. Then comes the longawaited moment. Patiently, each student gets into a single-seater. They check the position of their hands on the wheel, examine the controls, receive the last recommendations from their instructors and they are off, with the fourcylinder engine roaring behind their backs. There is no lack of thrills. Slowly, the car swings out from the straight line of the stands and enters the circuit. They get their first feelings, their first contact and their first sweat. Their

One by one, the students climb into the seats and make a series of twelve laps, gradually going faster and faster. From the edge of the track, two instructors watch them and dissect the behaviour of each of them before holding an in-depth de-briefing to explain the mistakes to avoid and the way to improve the qualities that they display at the wheel. At the end of the training ses-

dream gradually comes

sion, once the twelve series of twelve laps have been completed, as well as the lessons on theory. each student is ready to take part in the selection for the semi-finals of the "Volant Elf", which offers them the chance of a career with Elf.

## Dreams come true

About twenty semifinalist are thus selected from among the best students of the year. Once again, each of them does a series of twelve laps and only the five fastest are chosen for the final. It is a great moment and one which sometimes determines their careers and their lives.

However, not all of the most talented racingdrivers who qualified from the Winfield School won the "Volant Elf". Jacques Laffitte, for instance. who, throughout his exemplary career in F1, wore the logo of the school that was so dear to him, on his green crashhelmet, did not manage to win it. Neither did Jean Alesi or Damon Hill, But that did not and will not prevent these racingdrivers from having a fine

top-level career. The day of the final dawns. The five young people look defiantly at one another. They are extremely stressed. Patiently, they go over what they



French driver Alain Prost has learnt his profession at Winfield School

have learnt here. They walk round their cars. with a serious smile and a far-away look. After several series of laps, beneath the attentive gaze of a jury consisting of actual racing-drivers, leamleaders, journalists and time-keepers from the International Automobile Sport Federation, one of them will win a complete season in the Renault For-

mula French cham-

step on a career with Elf. which enabled so many young people to be able to drive a Formula 1 racingcar later on. Every year, two such awards are thus made, one for each cir-

They patiently learn their profession at the Winfield School so that, one day, they may start out on a brilliant career and on the road to fame pionships. It is the first L'Actualite En France.

# Portugal's giants lure crowds in 'queen of festivals'

By Helena Pozniak Reuter

VIANA DO CASTELO. Portugal — Burly and sweating, the young man dons a flowery frock and a gant woman's mask to twif about the streets as a mock bride looking for a

husband. kilos 120 pounds)." says 22-year-old Pedro, before hoisting the garish papier mache bead onto his shoulders to become a colourful four-metre (13 feet) grants dancing his way through Portugal's "queen

For Pedro and other

ing, brass band processions and religious ser-vices in Viana Do Castelo offer a quaint glimpse of days gone by in this old fishing port in northern Portugal.

Some of the top students of Winfield School become Formula 1 drivers

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Many dress in colourful traditional costumes and perform folk dances to the music of bagpipes and

The annual celebrations in honour of the local religious patron, the Virgin of Agony, are repeated on a more modest scale in scores of towns and villages across Portugal.

But up to 150,000 pilholidavmakers and

days of boisterous danc- returning emigrants throng to Viana Do Castelo every August for a dazzling display of folklore that has made this one "the queen of festivals."

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Pedro's dance mocks one of the festival traditions, a parade by young girls dressed up as brides in all their finery to advertise themselves to potential husbands.

Girls clad in black beaded bridal dresses and heavy gold chains, holding candles as symbols of their purity. still march in a procession through Viana De Castelo every year, but they are no longer on the lookout for a suitor.

The gold chains originally represented the girl's potential dowry, but today they are family heirlooms lent for what has simply become a fancy dress pa-

Alexandra. a 14-yearold wearing her grandmother's wedding dress. admits that she is not really trying to lure a groom. "Not yet anyway," she

šmiles. While the girls are still happy to dress up as brides, the festival organisers say they have problems in attracting teenage boys to dress as angels for another of the traditional

Boys are already thinking of other things. said Amadeu Cos1a, 74. who was organising the festival for the 20th time this vear.

"Viana's festivities are the greatest in Portugal," he says, echoing a boast of many older people in the

Castelo's festival from the

surrounding countryside.

"In the old days people loved to meet and go to the fairs — there weren't many opportunities for entertainment then," said one 71-year-old shopkeeper, remembering the hordes of people who used to flood into Viana Do

The festival began as a purely religious ceremony in the 17th century, when local fishermen would pray for a safe year afloat. The image of "Our Lady of Agony" is taken out to sea to bless the water evегу уеаг.

The event grew into a colourful popular festival after it was granted the status of a fair in 1772 and traders were allowed to

set up stalls. This was the start of the festival as we know it," Mr. Costa said.

Although Viana Do Castelo's importance as a. fishing port has declined

sharply in recent years,

Mr. Costa scrupulously observes more than two centuries of tradition and insists that the festival retain its original link with the sea-faring community. "Most of Viana's fishing

boats have been sunk or been left to rot now — but many, especially the older people, haven't forgotten

what the 'festas' mean." he said. Religious faith features heavily in staunchly Roman Catholic northern Portugal, where people sprinkle

holv water on rosaries in cars to protect themselves from fatal accidents and a special mass is held to launch new fishing boats.

Retired fishermen raise their eves heavenwards at the mention of "Our Lady" and women trail barefoot behind her image as it is carried in procession. This is a form of penance to give thanks for prayers granted.

In the old fishing quarter people work through the night to carpet the streets with petals, creating a floral walkway for the statue's procession.

"She is our protector the most important thing you can have when you are out at sea," said 67year-old Manuel Castro Cunha, who was a fisherman for 55 years.

# Have all the viruses gone?

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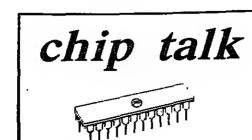
By Jean-Claude Elias

A strange disease began affecting computers' operation in the years 1990 and 1991. Smart but unscrupulous programmers got the idea of inserting programming errors" in their work. Such interntional "errors" were designed in a way that they would automatically copy themselves onto other disks and systems. They would therefore spread like a contagious disease. People named them, quite logically, viruses.

The damage a computer virus does to a system tremendously varies from simple files erasure to complete, blocking of the operation of a machine. The nastiest forms can be dormant on the unit's hard disk, and become active only weeks, months later. Some viruses can make the whole PC (personal computer) behave in such an erratic way that it could take a few days before the user realises he was hit by a virus and calls for professional help.

In 1992 and 1993, viruses caused extensive damage to computer systems worldwide. Mainly to PCs, because disks inter-copying is a very common practice in the field of personal computing. As it could be expected, anti-virus software was then designed with the aim to first detect viruses and second to clean the disks from them. Advanced virus scanners — as the programmes for virus protection are called - have utilities that would guard PCs from the disease and detect it before it even starts infecting the system.

Surprisingly enough, this year has seen much less virus attacks. Although the number of known virus pattern now exceeds an awesome 2000, scanner programmes seem to have become very effective in protecting the systems. Some hardware manufacturers even include a built-in electronic circuit that is supposed to break any infection attempt. Even if such a device cannot be an absolute shield, it



certainly helps increase the protection level. It could also be that software criminals, who have nothing to gain materially from creating viruses, are tired of their little game. Their act was like a stimulating, exciting challenge at the beginning. They wanted to prove to themselves that they could do it. They may not see any point in proceeding further now. They may also have been taught a lesson by

being hit themselves by others' viruses. Perhaps the main reason behind the decrease in the number of virus attacks is the user's high level of awareness and caution. Practically all PC users now use excellent scanner software. Even the nonprofessionals have heard of viruses and usually ask their computer supplier, a friend or any specialist to advise them on the best protection methods and

The chain reaction may just have been broken. Without being over optimistic — there are still some viruses around — we can say that the threat has fallen well below the panic level. It is a typical case where awareness has defeated the disease. Would it be relevant to draw a comparison with other "real" diseases? Could this serve as an example? Only doctors could tell.

# Cracks could send Dracula castle tumbling down

By Roxana Dascalu Reuter

BRAN, Romania — Count Dracula's legendary Transylvanian castle is cracking up.

Engineers have found several fissures in the rock foundation of the 14th century fortress and warn it could collapse unless sufficient cash is found for

Bran Castle, set amid picturesque but earthquakeprone mountain slopes 200 kilometres north of Bucharest, is at risk from a major tremor, they say. But state funds for emergency consolidation works

The building earned its reputation as a house of horrors from old stories about the mediaeval Prince Vlad Tepes — known as Vlad The Impaler — the role model for 19th century Irish novelist Bram Stoker's Count Dracula.

In the dark ages, vlad earned a blood-curdling reputation for impaling his unlucky foes on sharpended spikes.

The road leading to the castle is still called "the road of spikes" in local jargon — as a memento to the prince's habit of impaling criminals on the roadside

to discourage thieving.

Whilst there are no bats fluttering around creaking coffins or funged fiends lurking in dark corners. Bran Castle does boast one or two creepy features to help tourists' imaginations along.

Standing aloof on a rock jutting out of the surrounding dark woods, the spires on its main towers pierce the sky with a sinister air. A sonorous chime on one of the towers is activated whenever a storm approaches.

And one of the main attractions in its 56 rooms is a huge, intricately-decorated four-poster bed - with adjacent crucifix.

Thousands of tourists drawn by the Dracula legend and the beauty of the surroundings regularly flock to the castle gates, to visit the premises and an open air village museum on the castle grounds.

Chances of finding the repair money lie more with them than the cash-strapped government. many

The cost of mending the cracks is estimated at some \$272.000 - a small bite for Dracula, but more than Romania can apparently afford.

A small chapel in the inner yard of the castle contains the grave of Prince Mircea, youngest son of Romania's former Queen Marie, to whom the castle passed after World War I.

A headstone which fell from the grave has still not been replaced after two years.

The slab was taken away for repairs, and it has not been returned since, curators say. "You see, there is little money for repairs," one added.

Queen Marie had the Castle interiors redecorated

and modernised and she used it as a summer

But its fortunes waned after World War II when Moscow-backed Communists seized power in Romania and abolished the monarchy in 1947.

Abandoned and laid waste after the war, it became a museum in the late 1950s. It was closed seven years ago for repairs and reopened to the public last year. "In the end, it seems that Dracula holds the key to our problems." one woman said, as she watched rows of Japanese. Arab and Western holidaymakers climbing the steep mountain slope to the castle.

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Mohammad A. Shuqair

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#### **HOWLERS**

★ Angler: A man who spends rainy days sitting on the muddy banks of rivers doing nothing because his wife won't let him do it at home.

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☆ Hero: A man who is famous today and will bore us

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☆ Husband: A man who is what is left of the lover after the nerve has been extracted.

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## LET'S CHAT IN ARABIC

 Despise your purse, but consider your person. Aheen filsak wala taheen nafsak.

God never expects you to do more than you can. La yokallifol'lahu nafsan illa woss'aha. I'm proud and you proud, who shall carry the dirt out? Ana amir wa'anta amir, faman yassookul hamir?

 Ill-gotten property never lasts. Malui haram la yadoom. It is a blessing to keep moving. Fil haraka baraka. - When the cat is away, mice will play.

Eza ghab el-kit, il'ab ya far. Turn away from evil's way, and let it pass. Eb'id anish'shar wa ganniluh. - Laugh and the world would laugh with you.

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## TIME FOR FUN

A stupid man got into a restaurant and ordered a dish of macaroni which he has never tasted before. On seeing them, he thought they were small snakes grilled in an oven. As soon as he started eating, one of them fell down on his clothes. Feeling scared, he called the owner of the restaurant saying: Help me. sir, there's one here which is still alive!"

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☆ After the departure of the train, the station master saw a man bursting with laughter.

"What are you laughing at. sir?" said the master to "Strange is this world. He invited me to his home

and then came to see me off at the station. He took the train in tell tell me her i sion i

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## BANK OF KNOWLEDGE

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2. What was the Pyramid of the Sun?

3. Who were the Macaronis?

4. What is the largest railway station in the world?

5. What does the phrase "a hundred grand" mean?

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## YOUR CHARACTER IN FOCUS

(Born on 6th June)

Has strong magnetism and is very attractive to the

- Dislikes any form of restraint and has a great desire for independence.

- His ambition is to rise above his friends.

- A pleasant personality to meet and is always

charming to be with.

His talk is interesting and lively.

- Fond of music, dancing and poetry. - Loves a life full of ease and luxuries, money and

- Prefers spending to saving.

- Considerate and optimistic.

- Emotional but keeps his emotions to himself.

- His anger doesn't easily subside.

- Very responsible and loves his children, but receives little happiness from them. A good conversationalist and enjoys intellectual

- Sharp, brilliant, quick and sensitive.

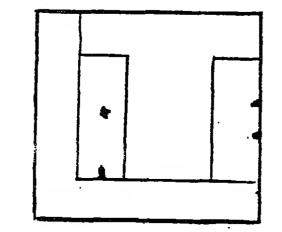
## **PUZZLES**

(A) What everyday word in the English language is most often pronounced incorrectly.

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(B) Which of these three cities is nearest to the equator? And which is farthest? EDINBURGH, Scotland; GLASGOW, Scotland; MOSCOW, Russia.

(C) HIDDEN WORD: Can you make out a four-letter word hidden in this



# **JTV CHANNEL 2** WEEKLY PREVIEW

party at home.

Thursday, Sept. 1

8:30 The Heart of Courage

9:10 Murder She Wrote

10:00 News In English

10:20 Movie Of The Week

Friday, Sept. 2

8:30 Sixty Minutes

9:00 E.N.G.

10:00 News In English 10:20 Emilie

Saturday, Sept. 3

7:30 Dimensions

Ealing Plants

How do eating plants devour flies... and how they defend themselves.

8:30 Movies, Videos And Games

The latest in video and computer games, as well as the latest best selling movies. like: Backbeat, Four Weddings, and a Funeral and Cool Running.

9:00 One To One

9:30 The Campbells

A Time For Goodbyes

Will Dr. James accept an excellent offer to work in

10:00 News In English

10:20 Feature Film - Happy New Year

Starring: Peter Falk, Charles Dunning

A comedy about two outlandish crooks who are out to rob a jewelry store... but one false step will buy a one-way ticket to jail.!

## Sunday, Sept. 4

7:30 F.B.1 — Untold Stories

Revealing stories of real happenings, re-enacted on the silver screen.

8:30 Step By Step

Dina thinks she is actually free to go to a Chicago University... little does she know that Kodie is at her

> 9:10 Quantum Leap A Little Miracle

Sam goes back in time to 1962. His job is to serve at a mansion owned by a rich man, known for his selfishness and aggressive behaviour.

10:00 News In English

10:20 Snowy River Kathleen and Luke are both out looking for something - and both find love.

## Monday, Sept. 5

7:30 Black Beauty

Horse Thief

Bella is accused of stealing the horse. Beauty, but one person comes forward to help reveal the truth.

Vanessa fails her exams but still manages to hold a

8:30 Home Free

9:10 Galactic Odyssey

A Chat With ET Any signals from outer space indicating life on other

planets? A question put to scientists to find an answer. 10:00 News In English

10:20 Matrix

Masked Man

Steve's mission is to save an old man from an imminent

## Tuesday, Sept. 6

7:30 Innovation

How to combat lead poisoning — that gets to people through dust and certain kinds of paints.

8:10 Hollywood Stuntmakers

Best shots from movies where stuntmen perform some of the most dangerous and risky acts.

9:30 The Commish

The Hatchet

The commissioner fight against cutting down his department's budget, as saving people's lives is certainly much more important than figures on paper.

10:00 News In English

10:20 Come In Spinner

In Sydney. Australia. during World War II. we follow the lives of three women... who seek company.

## Wednesday, Sept. 7

7:30 P.M. Magazine

8:30 Bob Bob happens to hear unfavourable criticism of his

work... from the room next door. 9:10 The Nature Of Things

Cardiac diseases, and how the high degree in blood cholestrol adversely affects the heart.

10:00 News In English

10:20 The Nanny Fannie's Choice

Would the nanny go through her plans to get married and leave her job with the Shefields?

10:50 Poldark



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# Jamie Lee Curtis — slinky, or rather, gumby

By Douglas J. Rowe The Associated Press NEW YORK — In the black minidress she's wearing, Jamie Lee Curtis comes across as slinky. She's wiry, rubbery.

More and more, the erstwhile "scream queen" who first gained attention with 1978's Halloween warms to being a physical,

"I like being a clown. And I think a clown really is a nice way to put it, because of its mixed message that you get: A clown doesn't take itself too seriously - it can make you cry and it can make you laugh. And that's what a good clown can do," said the 35-year-old Curtis, who co-stars with Arnold Schwarzenegger in

movie True Lies.

"I really look at my job as being just a female, paid movie clown," she said. "It means I can use my whole body. I'm most proud of my body work in this movie — not my physical shape, but my body language.

Curtis credited comedy actor John Ritter with offering good advice.

"I remember John coming up to me and saying, 'no matter what, just remember: "You have very funny feet," she said, demonstrating by fending off an imaginary amorous suitor with her legs and

Director Terry Gilliam also urged her to concentrate on comedy, saving: "Why don't you stop trying so the action -adventure bard to be a 'good actress' 

and do what you're good

"It was a great gift he gave me, because what he was saying is, 'you're funny. You're a light, funny woman.

Her range of performances is wide, encompassing ber early horror films, sexy roles in Trading Places and Perfect and a tough cop in Blue Steel, as well as softer parts in Dominick And Eugene and My Girl .

Still, she's taking Gilliam and Ritter's advice on comedy seriously.

"Now, I'm relly aware of how you can be so duplicitous, or 'triplicitous, if that's a word. You can be using so many things with each other: So you can be saying something, your foot can be

doing something else, your hand can be dong something else" - all conveying something different, even contradictory, she said.

As Helen Tasker, the frumpy legal secretary married to a superspy who she thinks is a boring computer salesman, Curtis displays her ability to be a demosthenes of body lan-

She metamorphoses from mousy to macho after almost dallying in an extramarital affair and then getting involved in ber husband's real busi-

ness—stopping terrorists.
Once Helen has thrown off the shackies of a bored wife, she performs a striptease dance that's a fun synthesis of silliness and sexiness, leaving True Lies fans abuzz.

Despite her success, Curtis said it's unnaturalfor her to talk about the craft of acting because she thinks of ber abilities as "instinctive" (possibly that's by dint of having actress Janet Leigh and actor Tony Curtis as parents).

intelligent human being. And beyond what my instincts tell me about something, I'm not particularly learned," Curtis said early in the conversation. Later, she returned to

"I'm not a particularly

that notion, talking about how she thinks of her life as a hallway with check-"It's not like I went to

Juilliard and can do a French West Indies accent, as well as a Tibetan

accent as well as tap dance as well as do Shakespeare," she said.

Consequently, she describes herself as having "a very delicate confidence" and feeling anxious about the future, wbicb beckons with a sequel to A Fish Called Wanda.

"I am one of those people who likes to know the end of books before I read them," shne said. "OK. she's dead, he's not, she's divorced, he's got a baby. OK," she said.

Only then, she said, can she start with page one. "I don't like suspense. Don't like surprises at all. Never, ever throw me a surprise party. ... I would probably get angry. I don't like to be surprised. It scares me.



# Autumn movies loaded with dramas

By Bob Thomas The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Can Hollywood get serious and still score a record year at the box office? That's the issue facing the studios as they prepare for a fall season inordinately filled with dramas.



Tom Cruise stars in the movie Interview With The Vampire

The flood of serious-minded movies partly is motivated by the film companies' strategy of slotting their Academy Award hopefuls toward the end of the year. The reasoning is that movies released late will be fresh in the voters' minds.

However, no one ever forgets an excellent movie screened earlier in the year: such as, Oscar winner The Silence Of The Lambs, which opened in February.

The companies also have shown an increasing reluctance to send dramas into the summer marketplace. That's when out-of-schoolers and vacationers seek more mindless entertainment, mainly high-speed action and over-the-top comedy.

John Krier, whose Exhibitor Relations Co. tracks box-office performance, believes a new record is doubtful.

"The current total is about \$1.9 billion, which is 1 or 2 per cent ahead of last year's record, which finished at \$5.2 billion," he observes.

"But in looking over the fall product, I see no potential Fatal Attraction, Crocodile Dupdee or Stand By Me - pictures that have "legs." Unless something surprising pops up, it's going to be a hard autumn a lot of tough sells and too many formula pictures oot

Here's sampler of what ticket buyers can expect during the autumn season: · 44.44 .

DRAMA

Nobody's Fool - Paul Newman returns to a family he left behind. With Jessica Tandy and Melanie Griffith. Opening sometime in October. — The Perez Family — Marisa Tomei and Anjelica

Huston in a story of Cuban refugees. Nov. 11. Pontiac Moon - Ted Danson is an eccentric teacher and Mary Steenburgen his reclusive wife in a story that parallels the 1969 moon landing. Oct. 21. - A Simple Twist Of Fate - Steve Martin stars in his own script about a man who struggles to keep his

adopted daughter. Sept. 2. - Quiz Show - Robert Redford returns to directing with a comedy-drama about the 1950s TV quiz show scandals. Sept. 16.

- Ed Wood - Tim Burton essays the strange life of the maker of Schlocky movies. Johnny Depp stars. Oct. 7.

- The Shawshank Redemption - murderer Tim Robbins befriends another lifer, Morgan Freeman, in a New England prison. Sept. 23.

- Interview With The Vampire - vampire Tom Cruise gives an interview to Christian Slater telling of his 200-year travails. Nov. 18.

- Love Affair - Warren Beatty, Annette Bening and Katharine Hepburn update the twice-filmed tearjerker canonised in Sleepless In Seattle. (The second version was retitled An Affair To Remember.)

- Second Best - William Hurt as a single man in a Welsh village who adopts a disturbed boy. Sept. 30. - The War - Kevin Costner plays a supporting role in a southern story about a boy (Elijah Wood) and a treehouse. Nov. 11. - Mrs. Parker And The Vicious Circle - Jennifer

Jason Leigh as Dorothy Parker with an ensemble cast as 1920s New York literati. Nov. 23. - Miracle On 34th Street - Richard Attenbor-

- Blue Sky - Jessica Lange and the omnipresent Tommy Lee Jones as a lascivious wife and a dedicated nuclear engineer, Sept. 16.

ough as Santa Claus in a remake of the holiday classic.

## ACTION/ADVENTURE

- Terminal Velocity - Skydiver Charlie Sbeen becomes involved in international intrigue when a student, Nastassja Kinski, turns out to be a KGB agent. Sept. 23.

- Star Trek: Generations - Capt. Kirk (William Shatner) joins Patrick Stewart and bis "next generation" Crew. Sept. 18.

- Rapa Nui - Jason Scott Lee as a tribal leader in the 17th-century turmoil on Easter Island, Sept. 9. Silent Fall — Child psychologist Richard Dreyfuss tries to solve a double murder. Oct. 28.

— The Specialist — Sylvester Stallone as an explosives expert dodging danger in Miami. With Sharon Stone, James Woods and Eric Roberts. Oct.

- Trial By Jury - Joanne Whalley-Kilmer plays a juror threatened in the New York trial of a crime boss. Also with William Hurt and Armand Assante.

— Time Cop — Jean-Claude Van Damme in the next century battles a new brand of criminal: Manipu-

lators of time travel. Sept. 16. - The River Wild - Meryl Streep in an action picture; she and busband David Straithairn take a rafting trip in an effort to save their marriage. Sept.

Connery in a mixture of politics and adventure, directed by Bruce Beresford (Driving Miss Daisy). - Pulp Fiction - Three stories by Quentin Tarantino inspired by lurid crime fiction. Includes

- A Good Man In Africa - Colin Friels and Sean

John Travolta, Bruce Willis, Eric Stoltz, Uma Thurman and Christopher Walken. Oct. 7. - Mary Shelley's Frankenstein - He's back, this time with Robert De Niro in the platform shoes and Kenneth Branagh as the doctor and director. Nov. 4, - Stargate - Kurt Russell, James Spader and Jaye Davidson (The Crying Game) bunt mysteries in

the Egyptian desert. Oct. 28. COMEDY

- The Road To Wellville - Anthony Hopkins as turn-of-the-century health guru Harvey Kellogg, costarring Bridget Fonda, Matthew Broderick, John Cusack and Dana Carvey, Oct. 21,

- Junior - Former Twins Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny Devito reunite in a fantasy about an odd kind of pregnancy. With Emma Thompson and Frank Langella, Nov. 23.

- The Scout - Failing baseball scout Albert Brooks discovers a hot but eccentric prospect, Brendan Fraser. Sept. 30.

- Welcome To Paradise - Nicolas Cage and two brothers come to a small town from New York to pull off a big heist, but the natives charm them. Sometime in October.

- Speechless - Michael Keaton and Geena Davis fall in love although they write speeches for opposing candidates. Sound Familiar? Dec. 16.

CHILDREN

- A Troll In Central Park - Don Blutb's seventb animated film takes another sbot at the Disney monopoly. Oct. 7.

# For many, Russian beauty revolution is not even skin deep

By Sebastian Smith Agence France Presse

MOSCOW — Russian women are discovering themselves and the Westem fashion industry is discovering them, but low pay and unemployment keep the glamour "revolution" beyond the means of

most woman. As post-Soviet women nndo their beehives, shake off the babushka look and head for the wanky beauty salons and haute-couture shops, they are also asserting independence and women's rights, fashion industry representatives said.

"There's a future because the Russian woman travels now, she knows what's going on in the world, she learns," said Jean-Noel Lemond, the 26-year-old artistic manager at the recently opened Jacques Dessange Beauty Salon in Moscow.

But the glittering world of Versace and Christian Dior in the capital's shops has nothing to do with the lives of most modern Russian women, said Tatiana Leontieva, a Moscowbased academic and presi-dent of the "Women for Conversion" Foundation.

In the last three years women have been particularly vulnerable to rapid growth in unemployment, alcoholism and crime, Ms. Leontieva said.

Prostitution rings run by organised crime gangs are often ignored by corrupt or lax police forces, she said. In urban areas, 80 per

Men's alcoholism has always been a "serious problem for Rossian women and now about 70 per cent of the rapidly growing violence against women is caused by their drunken partners or rela-

tives," she said. At the Jacques Dessange salon the prognosis is more bullish.

Haircuts range from \$44 to \$110, about the average cent of the regularly un-Russian monthly salary. For about \$200, techniemployed are women, while mental illnesses and cians will clip, massage, cleanse, vibrate and tan a suicide are on the rise, she body from head to toe.

Some 50 coatomera come in daily, Ma. Lemond said.

"Every woman decides what's important to ber. One decides she needs good food, another good furniture," said Ellena Chynosova, 30, who had come to have her hair cut

by Ms. Lemond. Was the baircut imporant to her? "Absolutely." Ms. Chynosova replied.

The salon opened in June and Jacques Dessange is planning a second in Moscow next year, followed by one Saint Petersburg, Ms. Lemond

Annemarie Van Gall, director of the publisher of the Russian edition of Cosmopolitan, also believes that Russian women are leaving their dowdy past behind.

The success of the magazine, whose articles on sex and power are a far cry from the Soviet-era monthlies such as Woman Peasant and Woman Worker, shows that more than an elite is joining the Russian beauty revolution, she said.

Circulation of the first

by the third issue due at the end of August, she

"It shows that Russia is definitely changing. ... No one has ever spoken to them in that language before - that you stand up for your life. You love to be beautiful, but you do it

for yourself," Ms. Ivan Gaal said. One of the many beefy, weather-hardened women

doing manual labour in

Moscow's streets and

parks said she had no

issue was 60,000 and it is bope of being able to expected to almost double spend time and money on spend time and money on

beauty. "That will never happen," said the worker. sweeping under a giant statue of Lenin's wife Nadeida Krupskaya, portrayed as a beroic, Soviet

"We learned that communism, then socialism would bring everything good. But neither socialism, communism, nor democracy bave made things easy," said the woman, who looked far older than her 37 years.

## California pageant brings paintings to life

By Leslie Adler Reuter

LAGUNA BEACH, California — The curtain rises. The lights brighten, revealing a life-size poster of Charlie Chaplin as the Little Tramp. A narrator pays tribute to the golden age of silent movies. The music swells. And Charlie Chaplin jumps off the poster and onto the stage. It is the pageant of the Masters, a 66-year-old presentation of tableaux vivants — a centuries-old

means living pictures. The pageant of the Masters, presented for eight weeks each summer at an outdoor amphitheatre at the base of the canvons in this picturesque southern

art form that literally

California seaside town, paintings, posters and sculpture.

"What's unusual about the pageant is that it sort said Glen Eytchison, the director for the last 15 "It doesn't really want

to be just theatre. It

sideshow to the main event, becoming increasingly sophisticated with a level of artistic, theatrical and technical achievement that draws visitors from all over the world.

creators have honed their use of stage lighting in order to make its re-created paintings look absolutely two-dimensional despite its use of live models.

bas evolved from stories meaningful to the general public, many of whom could not read and found visual presentations more compelling than oral recountings of stories.

> from churches to town squares, with their subject matter broadening beyond religious scenes to history, literature, art and politics.

For many years, the pageant of the Masters out of wood and other

took a traditional

approach to the art works it chose to reproduce, relying on old masters, such as Michelangelo, Leonardo and Rubens. Eytchison, however,

has taken the show to new heights, broadening the material greatly. "I found that in order to keep it interesting and a little less predictable it's

been necessary to include

things like French cabaret It takes an entire year to week for an eight-week

season. The pageant relies heavily on volunteers, including about 150 actors. After 15 seasons as the

pageant director, Eytchison said he knows instincbe reproduced.

I put a bunch of paintings in a row without breaking them up with sculpture.

form an interesting show. Too many paintings

of languid lady-by-thelake paintings," he said.

cudes an assortment of posters from Hollywood's silent era, paintings by Edward Hopper, Claude Monet and Rene Magritte, as well as sculptures from Buddhist temples of Japan, a pair of bronze art nouveau scones, and a sculpture by Frederick Remington. As is the pageant's tradition, the show closes with Leonar-

do Da Vinci's The Last

other tableaux vivants produced around the world, including one in Utah and several in Europe. But Eytchison -insisting that he is not trying to sound arrogant and egotistical — said the pageant of the Masters surpasses them all.

"What makes us special is that we do it better than anyone else on the planet," he said. "We bave the expertise. We bave the experience and knowledge, and we just do it better than anyone Those who see the

know that Eytchison is not exaggerating.

There are a handful of ters runs through Aug. 2/

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ie's Choice

combines a voice-over narration, a live symphony, live actors and exquisitely reproduced artistic backdrops to re-create works of art, including

of defies categorisation,"

doesn't want to be just a symphony concert. It doesn't want to be tableaux vivants either," he The pageant started in

1932 as a sideshow to an

art festival. Since then it

In addition, the pageant

Tableaux vivants date back more than 1,000

materials. They were de-

signed to make biblical

Through the centuries, tableuax vivants moved

When done outdoors the tableaux vivants were called pageants and were often presented much like a parade - mounted on wagons or floats and years to Nativity scenes hauled through the featuring human and animal figures fashioned

posters from the turn of the century," he said. plan, produce and rehearse the one show that is mounted seven nights a

tively what art works can "Here's an example of what will kill us," he said. "My first year here, in '79,

Now, when scouring magazines and auction house catalogues he knows instantly not only wbat works can be reproduced from a technical standpoint, but what will

with the same tempo what Eytchison calls the same musical colours make for a boring show. One of his challenges is finding variety.

"There's a shortage, a terrible shortage, of aggressive masculine paintings that can be used to contrast with others." This year's show in-

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# Jordanian doctor — a pioneer in cryosurgery

By Roger Signor ST. LOUIS Mission -Jessie Murray, 78, a retired Chrysler inspector who lives in Pacific, chose a controversial way of

treating his prostate instead of having his prostate surgically emoved, he had it frozen.

Dr. Abraham S. Hawatmeh of St. Louis inserted tiny "cryprobes" into Murray's malignant gland last December. The probes' tips contained liquid nitrogen that cooled his giand to 40 degrees below zero that should have been cold enough to detroy the cancer cells: a process that requires freezing the entire pros-

So far, so good: Last month, tests showed that he was free of cancer, Murray said.

Because of his age and heart condition, murray said he was glad he had the choice between freezing his prostate or having major surgery.

"I was in and out of the bospital in less than a day," he said. "I had a problem with incontinence at first, but I was back to normal in a

Eight area urologists have begun doing cryosurgery since Dr. Hawatmeh introduced the

procedure here in September 1993. Of the more than 100 men who have had their prostates frozen since then. Dr. Hawatmeb has done 62 of the

> cryosurgeries. Nationwide, 3,000 men have had the new treatment, which doctors in Pitsbury introduced. They refined an old cryosurgical -technique used in the 1970s but dropped in the 1980s because patients had too many complica-

The prostate, a chestnut-sized gland at the bladder's neck, produces fluid that enhances the potency of semen. The prostate is prone to can-

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cer. Prostate cancer is second only to lung cancer in the amount of disease the deaths it causes among

In the United States. 132,000 cases of prrostate cancer were diagnosed last year, and 34,000 more men died from it. Missouri reported 3,600 new prostate cancer cases in 1993 - plus 750 deaths from this form of cancer.

Most urologists, here. however, aren't sure that cryosurgery has been tested enough. So they're waiting for more tests to prove that it's effective and safe.

"I think patients should know that when they con-

sent to cryosurgery for prostate cancer, they're getting a treatment in which the effectiveness and safety isn't known. savs Dr. Gerald Andriole, associate professor of urology at Washington University Medical

Even though the centre recently bought cryosurgery equipment, doctors there are holding off using it until they are sure it functions properly. he said. Those tests could take three or four months.

Proponents of cryosurgery believe that it will prove as effective as complete surgical removal

of the prostate. They also believe it will result in fewer complications than surgery. It shortens hospital stays and permits patients to return to work sooner than standard surgery, they say.

"But prostatectomy or surgical removal of the prostate — is still the gold standard in treating pros-tate cancer," said Dr. Hawatmeh chief of Urology at St. Anthony Medical Centre. The hospital paid about \$500,000 for the equipment to do the freezing procedure.

Most urologists perform prostatectomies only on men whose cancer hasn't spread from the prostate, Dr. Hawatmeb said. He said he applies the same rule for cryosurgery.

"If cryosurgery works, fine." he said. "But if the cancer returns, we haven't burned our bridges because you still bave the options of refreezing the prostate — or offering conventional surgery." He said balf his patients get conventional surgery.

The new cryrosurgery equipment used by Dr. Hawatmeh was developed by Dr. Jeffrey K. Cohen of Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Early results are promising. Dr. Cohen said. In 200 men whom be treated

with cryosurgery alone or with cryosurgery plus hormone therapy per cent were free of can-

cer two years after the treatment, be said. Dr. Cohen called the treatment "a viable op-tion" for men who have:

- Reached age 70. - Had unsuccessful radiation treatments.

- Serious medical problems that make them poor candidates for prostatectomies.

But it will take five to 10 years to tell wbether the стуоѕигдету is curing prostate cancer. Dr. Hawatmeh said - St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

# Everyday life with a portable heart- machine

By Michèle Biétry

Mechanical pumps, which are partly implanted in the body and partly external, enable those suffering from serious heart disease to wait for a possible human organ. In spite of this great technological achievement, it is still a terrible ordeal for the patients. At Henri Mondor Hospital in Créteil near Paris, which is one of the pioneers in this technique, special importance is given to care provided for patients waiting for a transplant.

PARIS - In his heart that is used the most. The surgery department, Professor Daniel Loisance abdomen and its miniatuhad gathered together people whose lives had been saved thanks to a human heart transplant, but also because a machine had enabled them to wait for a heart to become available. They gathered round Francis. who had been living with a portable artificial halfheart, the left ventricle, for 20 days already. Experience has shown that. in most cases, it is enough to have a pump take over from the left ventricle

pump is implanted in the rised controls are contained in a small case that can be carried over the shoulder. It was at Henri Mondor Hospital that such a device was implanted for the first time in the world, last March. Since then, 23 such devices have been implanted in Europe, and three in the United States. If we limit ourselves to a scientific and medical description, it is difficult to imagine the changes that these impressive machines

perhaps artificial livers in the near future) contri-

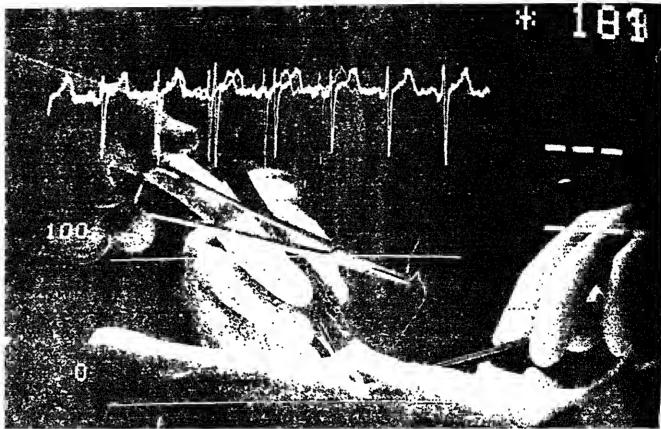
bute to medical science. Although it is sometimes difficult to adapt to having this machine linked up to the human body, some people feel definite-ly optimistic on seeing Mr. Renaud, a peasant in the centre of France, always ready for a laugh, who was the first man to live for two months with a portable Novacor. He had a heart transplant on May 13, after living with the machine for nearly two months and today he goes about repairing his roof and selling his fir-trees. There was also a young bank manager and Sonia. a light-eyed young girl, who had survived thanks to external ventricles.

They all want to live like normal people now. Yet none of them can forget that suffering and disease are always lonely adventures, that, on several occasions, they wavered between life and death and that, at one time, they refused to go on fighting for their lives. Sonia's mother had had to remain at her bedside to stop her from tearing out the tubes linking her up to her external heart. The young banker remembers alone, as this is the one (artificial hearts today, how suddenly the disease resources of knowledge in

had appeared. He thought he had simply had an upset stomach and then he had the shock of learning that his heart had reached the end of the road. The scientific term was idiopathic cardiomyopathy, which means that, suddenly. without any apparent reason, the heart dilated and no longer functioned. Then came the time of waiting for a donor with life being lived at a slower and slower pace. They all had a feeling of exclusion, in spite of the love of their families and the warm support of the hospital staff. "I want to forget it now and to live like anybody else", the young banker firmly asserts. He has had no sign of rejection and no visible side effects. The global statistics of failures cannot con-

These portable machines mean being able to leave the intensive care unit sooner, moving about in the ward, going down to buy a newspaper or going to the hospital cafeteria. It means more than little joys. It means being able to get back into everyday life faster. Even if it relies on machines using all the

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Waiting for a heart transplant, the lives of many patients are saved by the mechanical pumps partly implanted in their body

biology. electronics and to save the life of a patient miniaturisation, medical science cares for human beings and not for computers. Their complete collaboration is needed if a heart is not just a mechanical pump.

The public marvels at the artificial heart which replaces a mythical organ. Specialists expect even

whose condition has deteriorated rapidly and for whom no heart donor is immediately available. But they also want to they are to live. They have shorten their stay in the a pump in place of their intensive care unit as heart but one can see that much as possible as it cuts the patient off from the reality of life. Thus, in the space of a few months. 23 Novacors were implanted in Europe. Two patients

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others waited for an average of 50 days before receiving their heart transplants. Two issues were raised as soon as the artificial hearts and total ventricular assistance became operational: Owing to the lack of organs, was priority going to be given to patients on machines? Would the health systems which are on the verge of financial asphyxia be able died, six still live with to bear the cost of these devices? The first tests showed that many patients who were on the brink of death owing to a sudden worsening in their situation were not hopeless cases. Help from the machine is not a desperate last effort. So it is perfect-

> transplant. Industrialists are petrified at the idea of giving the figures which are impressive at first sight. The initial investment goes on training the medical team and this can amount to 350,000 francs for a dozen people if it is carried out in En France.

computer which operates the ventricle comes to about 540,000 francs and the ventricle itself, which cannot be re-used, costs 300,000 francs. The rapid increase in tri Europe and their favourable results should quickly.... bring the prices down when more machines become available. Even for large hospitals, it is an important investment. The team at Henri Mondor was only able to start its programme with the help of sponsors, a private association and by taking personal financial risks. But if life has a price, so does death. A person under cardiogenic shock can stay in the intensive care unit for up to 17 days at an estimated cost of 197,000 francs. Leaving the intensive care unit sooner and being given a better chance while waiting for a transplant in a stationary condition are also savings that can be calculated — L 'Actualite

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## **WEEKEND CROSSWORD**

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Diagramless 17 x 17. By Frances Burton

Last Week's Cryptograms

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# Trace mineral may play role in AIDS development

hypothesis that the AIDS virus slowly depletes the body of the trace mineral selenium, which it uses to erupt into uninfected cells, bolsters the notion that supplements of the nutrient could combat the disease.

The theory by University of Georgia researchers was published in the Journal of Medicinal Chemistry. It suggests HIV produces proteins that consume the hody's supply of selenium. Although the proteins and the genes that tell them what to do have not been found, scientists are trying to prove

According to the theory. HIV needs selenium, which preserves the elasticity of body tissue and slows the aging process, to trigger its growth. Once the virus exhausts the selenium in an infected cell, it breaks out in search of more, spreading

taken supplements on their own. For several of the patients' dietary supplement.

ly legitimate for them to be allowed to wait for a ATLANTA (AP) - A AIDS patients had trouble absorbing the nutrient from food, but the new work suggests another reason for the depletion.

"If this is true, then selenium, biochemistry may be the key to understanding the control of the life cycle of HIV and perhaps some of the pathology of AIDS," said Will Taylor, who headed the research team at Georgia College of

Pharmacy.
He said the length of time it takes to deplete the body's stores of selenium could help account for HIV's latency period. which can last for years.

"This suggests that nutritional status may be a factor in some HIVpositive long-term survivors," Dr. Taylor said.
Although taking sele-

nium supplements may

sound odd. Dr. Taylor said it may work to keep the AtDS virus in check. "It's very exciting work," said Gerhard Schrauzer, a biochemist and proponent of selenium supplements at the University of California at San Diego. "It shows that we must look at all aspects of the virus ... and treatments that could include

simple nutritional

## **ANSWERS**

BANK OF KNOWLEDGE

(1) It is the phrase, first used by Edmund Burke, the famous 18th century statesman, for the press. The other three estates are the lords temporal (peers), lords spiritual (archbishops and bishops) and the commons.

A huge pyramid built in Peru about 1500 years ago by the Mochica people. It was said to contain nearly 100,000,000 bricks!

(3) They were young and wealthy men from Britain who, in the 1760s and 1770s travelled in Italy on the Grand Tour and sported some of the fashions they had brought back. The name arose from a club they formed called the Manner Club which club they formed, called the Macaroni Club, which introduced macaroni as a regular dish at the well-known London restaurant of Almacks.

(4) Grand Central railway terminal in New York City. It covers nearly twelve hectares (30 acres). (5) In Britain it means £100,000 and in the U.S. \$100,000.

**PUZZLES** 

(A) INCORRECTLY.

(B) Moscow is nearest the equator, and Edinburgh is farthest from it.

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# Democracy, security, regional cooperation are pillars of peace — Majali Premier: King's honesty and openness rallied public support behind progress in Jordanian-Israeli track of negotiations

Following is the full text of the speech Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali delivered at the Los Angeles World Affairs Council Tuesday

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IT GIVES me great pleasure to address this august gathering at the kind invitation of your distinguished connail. The timing of this invitation comes at a stage in our lives when for the first time a new era of peace is dawning upon our region of the world.

Peace is not an accident

of history; it is a systemic and a deliberate process which requires the vision of architects, the mastery of craftsmen and the patience of wise men. Without laying the proper foundations and using the proper materials, we would end with a shaky structure which may not withstand the first serious test. The beritage of war and enmity still looms overhead, and it cannot he crased hy euphoric media scenes and warm worlds and handshakes, in front of clicking cameras. It is a serious business, and each party should present a convincing ledger to its people in order to show them that peace will leave them better off. What we are after in Jordan is a peace that is embodied in a contract among generations vowing not to resort to war, but spend their energies on the creation of a better life for all. We in Jordan have a dream. We believe in it.

fulfilling our duties and responsibilities. So it is even in the most difficult days when our foreign reserves dwindled to pocket scrapping levels, we honoured our foreign obligations. It is with the same dedication that we approach the peace undertaking. We want to honour our obligations, fulill our duties, reap ou benefits and support all of these with unwavering poh-

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resources for its realisation.

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Jordan became a state in 1921 under the Hashemite dynasty with His Highness Prince Abdultah as the bead of state. As a Hashethe Prophet, he brought the needed legitimacy. As an inheritor of, and a soldier in the Arah Revolt initiated five years earlier by his father Sharif Hussain Bin Ali, Prince Abdullah opened Jordan further for all Arabs to take part in

huilding an Arah Jordan. The building of a new country based on the fronner spirit and the ideas of democracy and pinralism was going on with relentless effort. It was not until 1946, after the end of World War II, that Jordan had gained its independence from the British and hecame the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

The fight of unified people against the dearth of natural endowment is quite an admirable saga. Manversus-land story in Jordan is one of bard work and tolerance. Until 1948, we had difficulty making ends meet. The war between Arabs and Israelis in 1948 brought a shattering change. Yet, Jordan's military performance managed to save the east part of Jerusalem from occupation. In 1950, the West Bank, or the remaining unoccupied part of Palestione, with the exception of the Gaza was unified with Jordan, as the Hashemite. Kingdom of Jordan. On a sad day, in the summer of 1951, King Abdullah was assassinated in Al Aqsa Mosque, the very place which he had saved three

years earlier. In 1952, King Hussein, 17-year-old young, came to power. He witnessed one shattering shock after the

The biggest shock came in 1967 when the June war of that year led to the occupation of the West Bank and the forced moveor sigood the East Bank. In November of that year, Jordan actively participated in the drafting of the famous Security Council Resolution 242 from which the current negotiations derive their rasion d'etre.

The shocks of 1973, 1982 and the second Guif war of 1991 put Jordan in the eye of the storm. Each war broncht with it new waves of migrants to Jordan, thus destabilising the already hard-won balance between people and resources.

This fast survey of Jordan's history is meant to reveal the depth of Jordanian affinity with the Arab-Israeli conflict. We learned the hard way that war meant destruction and loss of human lives. While they consumed resources, wars also brought added human and financial problems. For Jordan, every war meant a new beginning. To have to start a new war once every decade since 1921 has been a very painful experience.

Our ceaseless quest for peace does not derive its strength from purely philosopbical tendencies, hut from the very depth of life and the will to live it until the last day. Our story in Jordan has been a continuous strife to walk the critical line that separates between survival and decent living, between cold war and regional antagonism, and between war and

We have been aware of the keen need for tranquility and the opportunity it brings to build wealth which can he extended from one generation to another. The atmosphere of uncertainty, which Jordan has been facing, worked as an impetus to rationalise expectations but with short-term emphasis.

His Majesty King Hussein always called for comprehensive peace where all the legitimate rights of the people in the region be fully recognised, and the relations among countries should be based on the ideals of mutual respect and the right to live in peace with secure and recnised boundaries. His Majesty's original initiative emanated from Resolution

parties to the Middle East conflict to resolve their disputes through negotiations. His Majesty called for the convening of an international conference with the participation of the regional parties and the five permanent members of the Security Council. The Geneva conference was convened in the early eighties for a short period, and was eventually dishanded when its promise of an acceptable solution seemed

as possible as a blue moon. After the second Gulf war and the end of the East-West cold war, the need for peace in the Midivered therein were not important for their content. However, they belped produce clear images of the parties involved. The Palestinians were not viewed as a problem, but as a distinct body of human beings who have an intrinsie recognisable identity which could not be ignored. Their presence in Madrid, although under the Jordanian umhrella, as an entrance provision. alienated the stereotyped nation that they were merely a hunch of terrorists. The euphoria of the Madrid conference put everybody, with the world at large as a

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dle East was viewed as a necessity for the region and the world community as well. The Middle East peace was imperative for the world's comprehensive security, trade flows and oil snpplies. Moreover, the Gulf war enhanced the appetite of the U.N. system to activate its peace vision for the resolution of protracted regional problems.

The sponsors of peace in the Middle East, namely the United States and Russia, mounted a campaign to set up a peace-making strategy. It was the Bush administration which spearheaded the effort through the shuttle trips in the region by Mr. Baker and his peace team in the State Department. After eight extensive trips, the Madrid invitation was formulated and in October 1991. Madrid witnessed the inauguration of a peace

witness, on the irreversible track leading to ulnimate

It is almost three years since the inauguration of the peace negotiations in Madrid. We have covered since that October 1991. date lots of ground, and as Robert Frost would say there are still miles to go." Progress bas been achieved on the Palestinian

Progress on the Jordanian track witnessed a factory to both. slow-down after the signature of the common agenda on Sept. 14, 1993 in Washington, D.C. Such a inli was basically an Israeb decision when they insisted on violating the common agenda insisting that the boundary issue could only be discussed within the framework of a peace treaty. According to the common agenda, the boundary issue was among the items which once resolved would

Dr. Abdul Salam Majali

culminate in a peace treaty. The Israeli posinon was countered hy Jordan in a positive manner. We first suggested that the resolunon of the boundary issue will be considered by Jordan as a constructive step towards the cultivation of a peace treaty. When such a proposal was turned down, Jordan proposed that both countries could sign agreements on whatever issues both parties succeeded in resolving in a manner satis-

Once the Israelis discovered that advancement on issues of priority to them like economic cooperation and security measures would not be implemented in practice without agreement on boundaries, the Israeli position softened and progress on the Jordanian track witnessed in July m particular a boost of unimaginable magnitude. Yet academic honesty dictates

me to say that the sluggishness on other tracks was partially responsible for increased interest in the Jordanian track.

Before progress was registered on the Jordanian track this summer, His Majesty King Hussein alerted the Jordanian people of what was coming. His bonesty and openness rallied public opinion behind bim on this matter. While it was foolish to plunge too fast, it was equally wrong for Jordan to lag behind. His Majesty's trip to Washington, D.C. in July signalled the entrance of the Jordan-Israeli track into a new era, free of fear and myth. The Washington Declaration itself was a plan of action for the implementation of a number of articles on the common

After that trip, King Hussein flew over Jeru-

salem and conversed on the telephone with the president of Israel. These two pioneering actions paved the way for direct telephone linkages and the opening of serious negotiations on the use of air space by civilian flights. We made progress in the bilateral talks earlier this month on issues like trade with the Palestinian territories. tourism, electricity linkages, post and telecommunications, hut we are still inching towards the re-solution of the substantive issues such as bonndaries and water.

The peace that we foresee rests on three main parameters, the first of which is the achievement of democracy and respect for human rights for all the people in the region. Lasting peace is a product of should fully identify with its gains and pains. The second pillar of peace should be comprehensive scurity, where all people feel immune and safe from the threat of war, atomic fallout, toxic materials, poverty and johlessness. The third pillar is regional cooperation that is based on compatibility of living standards and meaningful exchange regimes.

We need the regional crineal mass where pooling of resources can produce the needed essential goods of water, food and energy and at the same time enable the region to engage in a mutually heneficial exchange with the rest of the world. The spoils of war should be outweighed by the wealth of peace. We cannot continue to squander our resources on wars: which breed further wars. hardship and strife. The vicious circle of war leading to poverty and vice versa should be broken and wethink the golden opportunity made possible transcend whatever small passions we may have inherited from the legacy of conflict. The nime is now. The Middle East should be in the years to come a tocal point attraction for the rest of the

# Germans wonder about secret of Kohl's success

By Tom Heneghan Reuter

DORTMUND, Germany - As he rolls towards his fourth election victory in a row, Chancellor Helmut Kobl has got Germans wondering what the secret of his success really is.

He's no great orator. Other leaders are far more popular. Public relations chiches like "charisma" or "sex appeal" hardly spring to mind when he steers his hulky frame through a

But Mr. Kohl, 64, due to formally open his campaign for the general election in Dortmand on Sunday, has confounded his critics once again and moved to the top of the opinion polls.

Barring a political earthquake, he should trounce his Social Democratic (SPD) challenger Rudolf Scharping on Oct. 16 and return to form the next government in Bonn.

So how does he do it? Der Spiegel, the leftleaning weekly that has written his political obituary several times in the past, attempted an answer with a recent cover story portraying Mr. Kobl as a charging locomotive under the beadline "the power machine.

Focus, a rival weekly closer to Mr. Kohl; countered with a folksy photograph of him and the nickname "der huerger king," a neat bilingual pun evoking both hefty hamburgers and the idea of Mr. Kohl as a

"Citizen King."
"I don't try to
psychoanalyse myself," the confident chancellor told Focus. "I know my weak-nesses and some of my strengths. Others can judge

Elisabeth Noelle-Neumann, the doyenne of German opinion polisters and a Kohl adviser for years, says the chancellor what the average German

"He knows better than we do what people think," she said in a recent television discussion analysing the Kohl phenomenon.
"We have a contest to

guess in advance the annual result we'll get for one question we ask every month. He played along for three years and won all three years in a row."

For management consul-tant Gertrud Hoehler, Mr. Kohl's rambling speaking style and apparent reliance on "gut feelings" about oolicies hide a far more systematic approach to

power.
"A lot of what Kohl does is attributed to a 'sixth sense' because, like all leaders, he reveals little about how much he really knows," she said. "He has a very good memory and an unusually perfected network of contacts."

His clumsy movements and provincial accent, often the butt of intellectuals' jokes, reassure average

"Kohl is not a media personality, he's a throw-back, a dinosaur, one of the last of the great noncommunicators," remarked Helmut Markwort, editorin-chief of Focus magazine.

"He's like a lot of his voters in the way be eats and the fact he has gone to the same place for holidays for the past 25 years. He's one of millions, just more determined. They don't love him hut they trust

Behind the reassnring image, Mr. Kohi ranks as one of Germany's best when it comes to cutting deals, pulling strings and mercilessly freezing out rivals within his

His skill in finding loval staff was such an estahlished fact that one spectacular flop — his failure last year to make arch-



Helmut Kohl

conservative Steffen Heitmann Germany's next president - unleashed weeks of speculation about a supposed "twilight of the chancellor" and his impending defeat at the polls.

Mr. Kohl's power hase is his Christian Democratic Union (CDU), the Conservative Party he has headed for 21 years and turned into a dense network of allies and proteges.

Convinced the economy was coming out of reces-sion, Mr. Kohl delivered a fighting speech at a congress in February that helped turn the CDU's mood from deep gloom to

Like in 1989, when the fall of the Berlin Wall unexpectedly handed him the opportunity to unite Germany. Mr. Kohl has also been hlessed this year with a good portion of luck.

His campaign has mar-ched ahead with hardly a hitch while Mr. Scharping. a colourless moderate who wanted to steal votes from the centre, committed several tactical gaffs and then shifted back towards a left-wing alliance.

Mr. Scharping's Clintonstyle campaign for change. conceived last year when Mr. Kohl's standing was low and unemployment was high, may have been per-fect for 1993. It looks out of step with the economic recovery and restored confidence in 1994.

By Charles J. Hanley The Associated Press

NJOGU-INI, Kenya — In misty green African highlands not far from where pre-historic man got his start, modern man may be getting a sneak preview of

Ragged and weary Kenyan peasants, swinging hoes, scattering seed, are trying to grow corn along the shoulders of a road, on pitiful, arms-width strips of rocky earth they hope can feed their families.

There's too little good land in Kenya and too many 'Seven or eight are usual,

and some women have been having 15 children," reports local nurse Ruth Waibenya. Ms. Waihenya has helped obtain the first regular supplies of contraceptives and family-planning advice for this mountain hamlet. Now the women talk about limiting their bahies to three or

Multiply Njogu-Ini hy thousands of dirt-poor villages and hundreds of jampacked cities across the globe, and you have some sense of the grim — and accelerating — arithmetic facing delegates ro next week's International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo.

The numbers can he startling: - By doubling since the mid-1950s, human population has grown more in just the past two generations than in all of man's previous years on Earth put

- Despite gains made by aggressive birth-control programmes in China and elsewhere, world popula-tion, now at 5.7 billion, could explode to 12.5 billion by the middle of the next century.

Africa's population, the planet's fastest-growing, is projected to leap from 700 million to 1.1 billion in the next 16 years. "Basic resources... are

being depleted and environmental pollution is intensifying, driven by the unprecedented growth in human numbers," the world's

# Four babies per second swell world population — Africa in lead

nations warn in the draft "programme of action" readied for Cairo.

The woman who heads the U.N. Population Fund says the 1990s are a crucial decade because huge numbers of females, habies of the fertile '70s and '80s, will be in their own child-bear-

ing years.
"Actions of today and consistent action over the next 10 years can change the course and level at which populations can stabilise in the whole world. Nafis Sadik said in New York.

Some specialists, seeing what can be done in places like Kenya, are hopeful.

Just a decade ago, this country led the world in human fertility. The average woman was hearing eight children. Then the national government, with U.S. and other aid money, began a crash programme.

Health workers were trained in contraceptive methods. Trucks took to Kenya's roads carrying boxes of contraceptives to distant clinics. Family-planning agents went door to door. Today, \$2 million in U.S. aid is spent each year just on condoms for Ke-

Dramatic changes followed: The proportion of married women using contraceptives — the pill, injections, condoms, in-trauterine devices — has doubled to 33 per cent, and the fertility rate has dropped from eight to 5.4 children per woman.

Kenya, a nation of 27 million people headed for 45 million by the year 2010. is an exception in Africa. Over the horizon in Uganda, Malawi, Mali, the fertility rate remains over 7, and fewer than one in 10 women use contraceptives.

The reasons are many: lower education levels, uninterested governments. higher rates of infant mortality, a subconscious spur to the hirth rate.

'You can't do this sort of thing when your country is in turmoil. suffering from political instability, from drought and famine," said S.B.A. Bullutt, director of Kenya's National Council for Population and Development.

But even Kenya has a long way to go.

Surveys suggest an additional one-third of Kenyan women want to limit family size, hut are not using contraceptives. Getting services to them will require more aid money and greater efforts to overcome male resistance and cultural and religious 12hoos.

This "unmet need" may be most pressing among Kenyans under age 18, who are harred from receiving contraception services.

Illegal abortions are be-

coming commonplace among teen-agers in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya's capital. said sociologist Shanvisa Khasiani. "We're burying our

heads in the sand," she

said.

The Population Council wants to lower the age for contraception services to 15. "That would make a significant difference in the fertility rate," the council's Joseph Ndamhuki said.

But the government is wary of the Roman Catholic church, a powerful local force that opposes even cur-rent family-planning programmes.

If all "unmet needs"

were met, the Kenyan fer-fility rate still would probahly drop no lower than about four children per woman, a long way from the ultimate goal of two per couple, after which a population eventually sta-hilises.

To get there, Kenya — and dozens of other developing nations — must undergo a revolution in education, and in giving women greater economic roles and security, and more say over reproduc-

The Cairo conference will address such themes: hig boosts in foreign aid for family planning, dealing with religious objections. helping women.

But in country after country, a still greater force is limiting family sizes.

At a clinic here in the coffee country north of Nairohi, Tabitha Wanjohi, 30, explained in homely terms why she'll have no

"Four is enough," she said, and then laughed. "Nowadays, with inflation. you have to take care. Otherwise, they can go naked and hungry."

Poverty, overcrowding. hard times are combining to slow down the species in many places, including in the planet's most densely populated land, in far-off South Asia.

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FORECAST FOR THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 1994

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

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PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Plan ways of improving regular

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 1994

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

routines. Care in motion must be exercised now to avoid pos accidents while on the highway.

K) Exempting dividends

annum.

# Israel's economy Amendments to income tax law give exemptions to individuals seen heading for lower growth

By John West

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM After four years of boom, ated and is headed for lower growth and tighter monetary policies, businessmen and

analysts say.
In the last two weeks, a proposed tax on the stock market which sent sbare prices plummeting and a hefty rise in interest rates have ruined the party atmosphere which started with a huge influx of Russian Jews in

Analysts say that immigration led annual growth rates to around six per cent over the last four years, above the average in the industrial democracies Israel aspires to But now inflation bas

reared its ugly head, doubling so far this year to 14 per cent. Monetary hawks appear to have won over most of the government to the view that t must be dealt with now to prevent a return of the byperinflation of the 1980s.

Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel binted as such when he said Monday's interest rate rise was only the first of a series of austerity

"It was stated in as clear terms as possible by the Prime Minister and the cabinet this week they want to see the fight against inflation raised to a very high priority," he told Reuters in "I therefore feel rather

more confident now that our policies will receive the broader backing of the rest of policy measures," he added. Most analysts predict eco-

nomic growth over the next two years will drop to four

inflation. Economists believe these will include controls to cap a series of astronomical salary rises in the public sector this year, and perhaps new reg-ulations to stem a flood of easy credit with which Israel's private sector has fuelled a spending spree.

treasury will present more

proposals to the cabinet on Sunday on how to rein in

"These things just do not go hand in hand with single digit inflation," said Jonathan Katz, chief economist at Capital Holdings. Unemployment is so low there is alteady a shortage of manpower in some indus-

Mr. Frenkel said the new 14 per cent rate, a 30-monthhigh, was meant primarily to stop inflation rising further before bringing it below 10 per cent late next year. Economists do not rule out furth-

So far, nobody is talking about actual recession.

But Israel's economy has traditionally been more susceptible than most to public The announcement last

week that the government planned to tax share profits sent the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange's index down 10 per cent in a day. It has since recovered most of the loss but traders predict turbulence in the coming months.

"There was no issuing of new bonds, nobody has got money from the public," said Zvi Amit, managing director of Israel's Chambers of Commerce, criticising the new capital gains tax.

Mr. Katz says the limping privatisation process could suffer. Even when the market was higher, the government delayed selling public assets to get a good price and has only reached about 15 per cent of its \$4.6 billion target.

By Samir Shafiq Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Income Tax Department Director-General Mansour Haddadin told the Jordan Times Wednesday that amendments to the income tax law are still being debated and that what is being published in the Arabic newspapers are only thoughts and proposals that are not

"We (the panel) expect to ready the amendments by the

SHANGHAI (R) — U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron

Brown's aggressive trade tac-

tics are fuelling press critic-

ism back bome even as "com-mercial diplomacy" helps win

corporate America billions of

dollars in new Chinese busi-

From lobbying the Chinese

premier to packaging attrac-tive financing, Mr. Brown is

mobilising the might of gov-

emment to help propel the

U.S. private sector to the

front of the contracts queue.

In just four days he has

announced more than \$5 bil-

lion worth of deals, of which

at least \$2 billion has a direct

the largest number of con-

tracts in terms of value that

have ever been signed or

completed during a business mission," Mr. Brown said

Yet the tactics are drawing

Some say human rights

bave vanished off the U.S.

agenda in; the name of pro-

fits. Others accuse Mr.

Brown of degrading the Un-

ited States and its president

by using his good offices to

The Wall Street Journal

accused Mr. Brown of "com-

"To my knowledge this is

U.S. content.

Wednesday.

some criticism.

conduct business.

time parliament reconvenes... after approximately two months," Mr. Haddadin

According to news carried in the Arabic press, the

A) Excluding the income generated from leasing agri-cultural land, livestock and poultry farms as well as beehives from any exemption

amendments include:

'Commercial diplomacy'

his strategy mirrors "con-structive engagement," the Reagan administration's fan-

cy title for conducting business as usual in South

Mr. Brown insists he has

ric" in his dual role here as

salesman-statesman. "I

would be derelict in my duty

if I was not a strong and,

hopefully, effective advo-

Europeans are considered ex-perts — but the U.S. offen-

sive is a marked shift from 12

years of Republican rule

which largely shunned such tactics as big, bad govern-

President George Bush's

one major foray, a mission to Tokyo with the big three car

chiefs, culminated in an un-

fortunate bout of stomach

problems at a state dinner. To the 24 executives

travelling with Mr. Brown,

the Democratic offensive is

therefore manna from

'Ron Brown is a do-er,'

said Jimmy Treybig, head of

Tandem Computer, which

sealed a new Chinese joint

venture. "Republican or

Democrat, everyone on the

trip is very exxcited because

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pays off for U.S. firms

B) Subjecting profits of reinsurance companies to a

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D) Subjecting profits generated by companies from share trading to the income

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Excluding banks and financial institutions from inter-bank interest earned.

Bernard Schwartz - pitch-

ing for satellite business as

head of Loral - called the

mission "an utter departure

from the last 12 years. This

administration does not play

lip service. It is a true suppor-

ter of American industry and

they are bringing to bear all

strategy works. So, why the

comfort. But that's because a

number of countries have

been so very comfortable in

pursuing similar strategies.

We are now responding to

the challenge," said a senior

It all starts in a Commerce

Department "war room" that tracks the 100 biggest global

projects up for grabs. Gov-

ernment then joins forces

with competitive bidder and

unleashes a campaign of let-

ter-writing, phone calls,

embassy visits, even pres-

livers a competitive edge.

In short, anything that de-

In talks this week with

Chinese Premier Li Peng.

Mr. Brown not only pursued the general bilateral agenda,

he also made specific pitches

idential intervention.

Witnessed first hand, the

There has been some dis-

possible resources.

controversy?

U.S. official.

G) Deducting marketing expenses, research and development expenditures from

the tax bracket. H) Exempting not more than JD 2,000 in annual rent or interest paid for a housing

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J) Exempting 50 per cent of salaries, allowances and increments on condition that

## Rouble falls to

new all-time low Wednesday after apparently defying grav-

Dealers cited a variety of factors to explain the 44-point fall to 2,197 on the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange (MICEX) from 2,153 Tuesday.

sion, the rouble fell even lower, to 2,205-207, on the interbank market. But it later recovered to 2,184-7 on expectations that the central bank would intervene to prop up the Russian currency.

The market had been expecting a sharp fall at the beginning of last week, But the currency defied expectations, rising from the pre-vious MICEX low of 2,171 to the dollar on Aug. 22 to 2,151 a week later.

MOSCOW (R) — The rouble dropped by two per cent against the U.S. dollar to a ity for more than a week.

Immediately after the ses-

Everybody expects the central bank to repeat the scenario of the two previous weeks," said a trader at a big Moscow bank who declined to be named.

The rouble bas been through a somewhat turbulent formight.

for two leading U.S. corpora-

#### commerce is a thousand times better than at any time mercial opportunism. tions, said people at the The Bank of Israel and the The New York Times said Foreign investors discount Pakistan nuclear fuss

KARACHI, Pakistan (R) --Pakistan's alleged nuclear arms programme seems unlikely to scare foreign inves-tors away from this South Asian market of 124 million

people, businessmen say. Former prime minister Nawaz Sharif's avowal last week that Pakistan is a nuclear power grabbed headlines, but foreign bankers. industrialists and stockbrokers said it would do little to dampen growing foreign interest in the country.

"(It) would not affect foreign investment, mostly going to the highly profitable pet-

rochemical and energy sec-International concern about tors," said Younas Khan, country manager of Deutsche Bank in Pakistan.

Japan, however, is seeking clarification from the government and from Mr. Sharif's opposition party before going ahead with a promised yen credit worth \$500 million for fiscal 1994/95. "In providing official de-

velopment assistance, the charter says we must pay full attention to countries producing weapons of mass destruction," a Japanese diplo-mat said. Tokyo was con-sidering Mr. Sharif's claim and government denials, he

added.

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has denounced the opposition leader's remarks as an irresponsible slur on

India has said it would seek international action against Pakistan's nuclear ambitions. Islamabad says it has no plans to make bombs, but needs nuclear power to fill an

Pakistan imports twothirds of its oil needs and its electricity output is about 2,000 megawatts less than de-

The government hopes its drive to liberalise the eco-

nomy and privatise state firms will bring in a flood of private foreign funds, especially for energy projects, oil and gas exploration, and refining. Ms. Bhutto said this month that the energy sector

alone was attracting \$11 bil-

lion in foteign investment. Yasin Lakhani, president of Karachi Stock Exchange (KSE), said Mr. Sharif's disclosure caused few ripples in the market. The day after his speech the share index moved up slightly on what dealers said was blue chip buying by foreign funds.

The whole world knows of Pakistan's peaceful nuclear

programme," Mr. Lakhani said. "There has been a massive foreign investment in Pakistani stocks recently.'

A KSE official said Tuesday that vouchers for 3.0 billion rupees' (\$97.8 million) worth of shares in the stateowned Pakistan Telecommunications Corporation (PTC) bad been heavily oversubscribed last month. Receipts totalled 19.2 billion rupees (\$625 million), 86 per cent of which were in foreign currency.

It was not clear how many vouchers, convertible within two years into shares in the telecoms company, would go

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to foreigners in the balloting of applications next Saturday.

"I personally don't think that Sharif's statement would dampen foreign investmeot." said Nasir Ali Shah Bukhari, chief executive of Kash Co., handling the PTC voucher

The stakes are consider-

Foreign investment in Pakistao, excluding remittances and the sale of govern-ment bonds, rose 47 per cent to about \$650 million in fiscal 1993/94 (July/June) from \$440 million the previous

By Glasbergen

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# new low

Traders said then that the rouble's recovery had been due to huge central bank

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ly you have planned to complete. MOON CRILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Plan how to gain more respect and prestige in the outside world. Show increased devotion to your loved ones in your house.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Schedule your time and activities well so that you can accomplish more. Enjoy a fine social activity in the evening which is pleasing.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) If you get your tasks done well and quickly, you can have more time later for the recreational activities you desire.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Find the best way to improve conditions at home and be more diplomatic with family members Take health treatments for your appearance. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Make the changes now

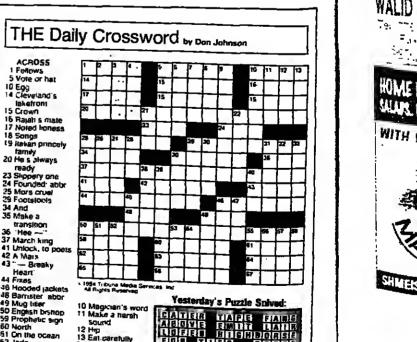
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AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Handle those practical affairs with skill and accomplish a great deal today. Take no risks in money matters which could be disastrous.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Joining with friends in discussing mutual problems can be helpful in solving them. Handle communications wisely and you could get ahead.

Birthstone of September: Sapphire - Lapis Lazulli

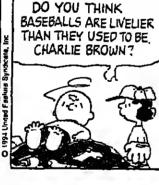


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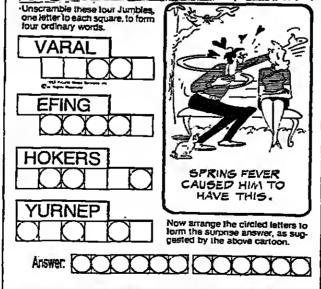


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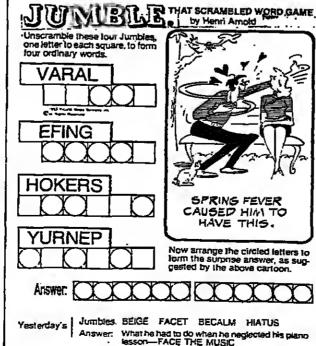




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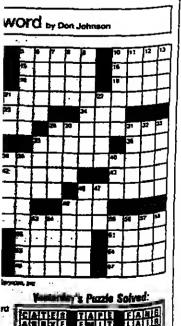
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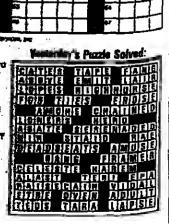
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Deutsche Mark .	1.5765	1.5743
Swiss Franc	1.3295	1.32\$2
French Franc	5.4050	5.4038**
Japanese Yen	99.62	99.57
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Cypriot Pound	1.5960	1.4450

## Share prices sliding at Amman stock market

By Khaled Zubeidi Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Share prices at the Amman Financial Market (AFM) continued to fall Wednesday after a big drop Tuesday triggered by the publication of proposed amendments to the income tax law.

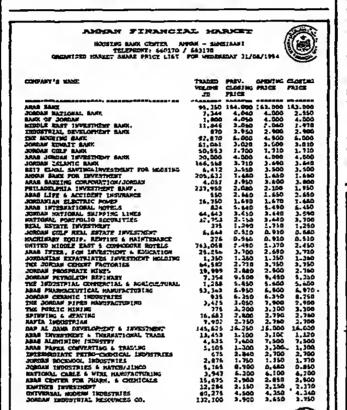
Fearing the amendment would encourage capital flight. an exodus of major investors and a decrease in investment by banks, the climate at the AFM was that of pessimism. Managers of some portfolio funds even predicted that taxing share profits of companies would lead to a massive

selloff that would send share prices tumbling. Wednesday trading saw the share price index sliding to 146 points before recovering a bit and closing at 147.12

Service shares received the highest losses as it retreated 1.07 per cent.

At the organised market, a total of 0.89 million shares changed hands for a total JD 2.43 million spread over 1267 contracts. The figures represented a 197%, 118% and 103% and 103% over the figures of Tuesday.
Financial shares led the demand as a total of 0.38 million

shares were traded in this sector for a JD0.96 million volume. The number of contracts stood at 519. Prices of financial shares lost 0.85 per cent with the sector's price index closing at 158.1 points.



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# India to launch investment, export blitz in Arab Gulf states

ABU DHABI (AFP) - India will launch a major drive this month to boost exports to the Middle East and attract investment through its economic reforms, fair organisers said Tuesday.

Some 150 Indian companies will exhibit a wide range of products at a show in Dubai while more than 23 experts and businessmen will explain investment opportunities emerging from the reforms in India.

"This is the largest and most high level event of its kind ever to be staged in the Middle East," said Jessica Sutherland, general manager of the Institute for Interna-tional Research (IIR), which is organising the conference.

'India's recent economic programme bas opened several very attractive windows of opportunity for Gulf investors," she said in a statement sent to AFP.

The Sept. 18-20 conference, entitled: "Assessing Opportunities in India," will focus on investment in such sectors as oil and gas, manufacturing, finance, agriculture, property and power.

Organisers said they expected thousands of visitors to the conference and the accompanying exhibition from the six-nation Gulf

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Cooperation Council (GCC) as well as Iran, and other Arab, Asian and African countries.

"Arab businessmen looking to profit from India's booming market of 890 miltion people will have the opportunity to learn from the experience of some of the subcontinent's most successful enterpreneurs," Ms. Sutherland said.

Indian officials have often urged wealthy GCC nations to take advantage of the reforms and set up investment ventures. But this is the first time New Delhi stages a seminar in the region to highlight investment opportuni-

GCC states - Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) - are among the biggest investors in the world, with their overseas assets exceeding \$400 billion.

They are concentrated in the West in bank deposits. real estate and stocks but officials have indicated they would look for new markets following large losses from two major stock market crises and sharp fluctuations in interest and exchange rates of major currencies.

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alternatives were eastern Europe and South East Asia, where some countries now have the fastest growing economies in the world and others have embarked on re-

> "Indian consumer market, poised for unprecedented expansion over the next decades, offer domestic and foreign companies enormous opportunities for growth in industries," said Sanjeeva Aga, manager of the Indian firm Blow Plasts.

Economists said the likely

"The Indian middle class, estimated at some 200 million and growing rapidly, will propel the country's consumer industry to a record double-digit growth over the next decade," added Ms. Asa who will speak at the investment conference at the Dubai World Trade Centre.

The exhibition accompand ing the seminar is sponsored by the Indian Trade Centres whose director said it would attract around 150 companies covering machinery, chemicals, medical equipment, electrical appliances, automobile spare parts, home appliance

and other industrial products. Narinder Sehgal said the. show and the seminar were part of a government-spousored campaign to boost ex-ports worldwide. He said two other key fairs had been organised in the past two months in South Africa and

He had no figures for trade between India and the Guiff but noted its exports to Dubai, the region's main commercial centre, had risen, steadily over the past four years to reach around \$953 million in 1993.

## 'Red Sea Express' reinstates Aqaba as first port of call on leaving Suez Canal

LONDON (Agencies) -The decision to suspend naval monitoring at sea of cargo for Aqaba, and the appointment of Lloyd's Register to carry out independent inspection of cargo in Aqaba port, has enabled Red Sea Express (RSE) to change the rotation of RSE vessels to the usual geographical ronte, with Agaba-being reinstated as the first port of call after leaving the Suez Canal.

The previous routing, dur-ing the four and a half years of naval intervention, entailed RSE vessels calling twice of Hodeidah, Jeddah and Port Sudan, and resulted in a delay of three or four days in the vessels' rotation. The new inspection procedures will enable Red Sea Express to provide a rapid. direct service to Aqaba, with a transit time of 14 days from North Europe.

Although there is no change in the embargo on

cargo for Iraq, and Jordanian imports are limited by the financial strength of the market, importers will obtain considerable benefit from the shorter transit times of RSE. vessels and the improved stock management opportunity they provide. The partners in Red Sea Express namely CMA, Camel (a service of Andrew Weir Ship, ping Limited) and DSR Sena, tor Lines consider that the new inspection procedures will enable Aqaba to resume its status as a leading Red Sea

At the beginning of the naval blockade of shipping outside Agaba, RSE were forced to cover their increased overheads by impos-ing an inspection surcharge on cargo for the port. This remained in effect until 1992 when it was eroded as a result of heavy competition from cargo transhipped through Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Since then RSE have had to no alternative but to shoulder the additional cost themselves.

This situation was not economically viable for RSE. Nevertheless, the RSE parts ners were determined to continue their direct service to Agaba despite all the difficul-

The new Red Sea Express service will operate on a 19/ 11 days frequency and 14/16 days average transit time to Agaba, and RSE are confident that customers who have been transhipping will once again take advantage of RSE's direct service, with maximum security.

## Iran defence industries switching to civilian use

NICOSIA (R) - Iran mes said almost half the production at its main defence industry enterprise was civilian and the ratio was expected to grow to 75 per cent by the year 2000.

Tehran radio quoted the director of the Defence Industries Organisation as saying it began converting to civilian production after the eight-year Iran-Iraq war ended in 1988.

The director, who was not named, said the organisation was making "considerable profit" from producing steel. copper, chemicals, household appliances. industrial machinery and other goods.

He gave no figures but said 10 per cent of the profit from the civilian operation was dedicated to research in new military technology.

The civilian production ratio in the organisation had grown from 11 per cent in 1989 to 45 per cent at present and was expected to reach 75 per cent by the end of Iran's second five-year plan in March 2000, the director

The organisation, affiliated to the defence ministry, produced a range of weapons and ammunition including short-range missiles, field guns and mortars during the

war with Iraq. It is separate from weapons development and engineering sections in the different bran ches of the armed forces which are called Setf Sufficiency Jihad (holy war

In April the Self Sufficiency Jihad of the ground forces unveiled what it termed the country's first "advanced tank" built after 2½ years of work.

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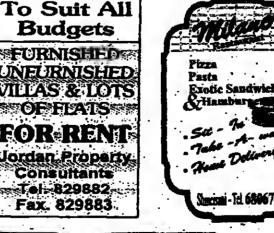
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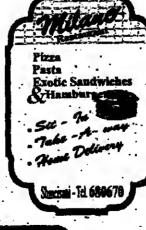


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## Klinsmann leads Tottenham to victory over Ipswich

LONDON (AP) - Tottenham swept its way into the credit Tuesday as Jourgen Klinsmann continued his superb start to life in the English Premier League, scoring twice in Sprus' 3-1 win over lpswich.

The German sinker's fellow off-season signing. Romania's Illie Dumitrescu netted his first goal for Snurs as the £4.6 million (\$6.9 million) Tottenham spent on the pair is paying dividends.

Tottenham oozeo class and confidence in a blistering first half and Dumitrescu and Darren Anderton also hit the bar as Sprus' 3-0 half time lead could easily have been

The north London club is to have six points deducted by the Football Association. (FA) at the end of the season for past financial irregularities, but has now had three wins from four matches to take it to nine points.

Even with the punishment. on three points Spurs would hhe mid-table, seven points from leader Nottingham Forest and showing the form which could lift it much furth-

Forest took over at the head of the standings with a 2-1 win over Everton to give it three wins and a tie from four matches.

In Tuesday's other Premier League match. Leeds beat Crystal Palace 2-1.

Klinsmann began the move he finished for Spurs to take the lead on the 15 minute mark with a pass to Nick Barmby, who found Teddy Sheringham. The England striker rolled the ball low ecross goal and Klinsmann darted forward to whip it into the roof of the net.

Anotyher fluent move inolving Anderton, Barmby and Klinsmann ended with Dumitrescu diving forward to head home the German's

cross after 28 minutes. Then Anderton's 38thminute corner was beaded on Stuart Nethercott and Klinsmann pounced to force the ball in

Chris Kiwomya sparked a late Ispwich rally when he punished a defensive error to make it 3-1. A superb overhead kick by

the top of the standings with a olst minute goal to give it

an unassailable 2-0 lead. Forest went ahead through an own goal by Andy Hin-cheliffe in the 24th minute.

Paul Rideout gave Everton hope when he headed in Vinny Samways' precise cross after 68 minutes. Teenager Noel Whelan

scored his third goal in three games as Leeds inflicted the second home defeat of the season on Crystal Palace.

Whelan, 19, was on the spot to nod the ball over the line for the 63rd minute win-

Dean Gordon equalised 10 South Korea is hopeful over taekwondo dispute Palace siter David White had put Leeds ahead after 17

In division one, Graham Taylor's Wolverhampton lost 2-1 to Watford and promoted Reading had a massive 4-0 wir, over Stoke City, Sean McCarthy secred three goals in 16 minutes as Oldham moved to the top of the standings with a 3-1 win over Nons County.

# Shocked Schumacher loses appeal against 2-race ban

had difficulty controlling his

voice when he told journalists

afterwards he was "shocked and disappointed", and had not discussed the marter with

his team because he needed

time to absord the decision.

tended to complete the sea-son, he said: "I will not make

any decisions right now. I need a few days to think about a lot of things and

when it is time to make a

decision I will let you know.

But for the moment nothing

was disqualified five hours

after celebrating his victory in the Belgian Grand Prix, his

eighth this season, and the

race was awarded to his championship rival Damon Hill of Britain.

Schumacher's Benetton-Ford was illegal because a compul-

sor wooden block under the

car had been paired down.

The shallower front of the

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third Grand Prix season, has

won seven races and leads

Hill by 21 points. That could

changed dramatically and

North Korea threw down

the gauntlet in Paris Tuesday.

saying that the international

Olympic Committee (IOC)

would adversely affect the reunification of the two

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It said the North's Interna-

tional Taekwondo Federa-

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non-contact version of the

sport, was older than the

Schumacher, 24, in his

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Race stewards ruled that

has changed for me." Two days ago the German

Asked whether he in-

PARIS (AFP) - World championship leader Michael Schumacher said he was here Tuesday after his appeal against a two-race ban was thrown out by a special tri-

The German was artempting to reverse his disqualification from the British Grand Prix July 10 and a further two-race ban for disobeying a black flag during

the Silverstone race. The Federation Internationale de l'Automobile's (FIA) court of appeal decided to uphold the ban im-posed by its World Council July 26.

The court rejected Schumacher's explanation that he misunderstood the meaning of the black flag, believing it signified a five-second penalty and not an order to car number five, his Benerton-Ford, to come into the pits.

Schumacher will miss the next two Grand Prix, the Italian at Monza Sept. 11 and the Portuguese, at Estoril Sept. 25. In a statement the Benet-

ton team said it was "disappointed" at the decision. Though admitting mistakes were made, it said "the penalty has been too harsh." The team said Finland's JJ Lehto would replace Schumacher in his two-race abs-

"We will now concentrate or the next two Grand Prix."

SEOUL (AFP) - South Ko-

rean sports officials said

Wednesday they hoped to

overcome unexpected objec-

tions from North Korea and

get their version of tackwon-

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the members (of the Interna-

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(World Tackwondo Federa-

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200 Olympics.

Williams driver Hill could Benetton team managing dirmove within one point of the rector Flavio Briatore said. leader over the next two wheile we look forward in Michael's return at Jerez to continue his pursuit of the World Championship title."

Schumacher appeared to be on the edge of tears and hed different controlling his

The German driver said he had been given time to make the points to the appeal court judges, adding: "I leave it to you to decide if their decision was right.

Asked how the world championship would now de-velop, he said, "I don't know, we will see."

He had been scheduled to conduct tests of his Benerton over the next few days but said he did not know if be would now take part.

He defended his victory in Belgium, saying that he be-lieved he had effectively won the race in the opening laps when the controversial wooden underbody plate was definitely of legal dimen-

The German had dominated the race, leading for all but one of the 44 laps winnings with ease from Hill. Finn Mika Hakkinen (McLaren Peugeot) and Dutch driver Jos Verstappen in the second Benetion-Ford.

Benetton's problems do not end with Schumacher's failed appeal. They also have to answer charges, in Paris Sept. 7, of illegally removing a filter from their refuelling equipment, which FIA says caused the fire to the second Benetton driven by Dutchman Joe Verstappen at the German Grand Prix July 31.

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### when the result of the first test was announced. Mohammad Ali in Macau for award

award," the Lusa news agency reported. The three-time world beavyweight champion is scheduled to visit bomes for the elderly and disabled Thursday, before he receives his award Friday, presented by the Concord Entertainment and Global Sports Network in conjunction with the U.S. National Boxing Associatioo (NBA), it said. He will leave Suoday. His visit comes in connection with an NBA boxing bill in Macau Sept. 17. Organally the seven-bout event the honour Ali was scheduled for Saturday. The championship will feature former heavyweight champion Mike Weaver, current NBA heavyweight champion Bill Corrigan, featherweights Frisco Areolla and Jeroma Coffee, as well as China's first professional boxer, Li Houqiang, Lusa said.



### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Modahl second sample positive

MONACO (AFP) - English athlete Diane Modahl's second drug sample has tested positive, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) announced here Wednesday. The original sample taken after an athletics meet in Lisbon June 18 reportedly contained an abnormal level of testosterone. A brief announcement by the IAAF bere said the B sample analysis had "confirmed the data obtained in the first, or A analysis." The use of testosterone carries an automatic four-year ban. Modahl was sent home from the Commonwealth Games in Canada last week Hitem burdler star 1

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North-South were one of those rare pairs who still play tour-card maiors. South's auction suggested a

hand just short of an opening bid with a four-card spade suit. North

West left the king of clubs and when dummy appeared it was obvious that East could not be relied upon for more than a stray jack—norm, had 15 points, West 13 and south had to have 11-12 for the invitational sequence. Looking at all to a number of you find a way to determ the contract?

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This deal highlights another winning principle. Don't relax because you think you have a useless hand. Had East not ruffed both partner's club leads, the setting trump trick would not have materialized.

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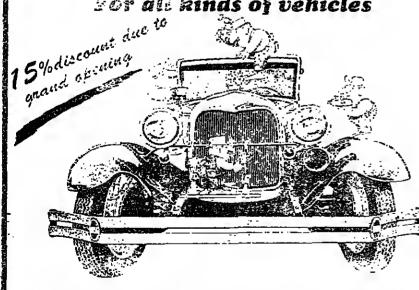
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# **Sports**



# **Jackson and Powell share** the gold jackpot

BERLIN (AP) - Hurdler Colin Jackson and long jumper Mike Powell split a jackpot of 20 kilogrammes of gold Tuesday by winning their events at the ISTAF track

and field meet. Jackson ran the fastest IIOmetre hurdles of the season, while Powell won the long jump by soaring 8.2 metres to claim the richest prize in track and field.

Jackson, the world champion and the world record

holder from Britain, was

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clocked in 13.02 seconds, the fastest in the world this year after the 13.04 that he ran at the European championships in Helsinki earlier this

month. He was challenged all the way by Mark Crear, but had enough power to finish half a step ahead of the American, who clocked 13.07.

"I didn't see him the whole race. I never look behind," Jackson said. 'The gold was not that important. I wanted

to have a good race."

Mark McKoy, the Olympic champion formerly of Canada who now competed for Austria, finished third in 13.29.

Americans Dennis Mitchell and Jon Drummond finished I-2 in the I00metres, edging Olympic and world champion Linford Christie of Britain.

The three sprinters were running side hy side halfway into the race, but the Americans pulled away in the final

Mitchell, who has beaten Christie before, clocked I0 seconds flat, while. Drummond, twice winner over Christie this season, finished in 10.0I. Christie had to set-

tle for third in 10.02. "You win some, you lose some," Christie said. "If I won everything this year it

would be boring. "I don't like to say things like that, but yes, it's been a long season," Christie said when asked if he was tired. He and Jackson arrived here after wins at the Commonwealth Games in Canada.

"In the middle where I surge and pull away from those guys, it didn't happen. I was tight and my string was off," Christie said.

Mitchell said he experienced some problems in his knee and could not post a faster time despite what he called "one of my hest starts.

"I'm not where I want to be. I want to be running 9.9s. not just a 10.0," Mitchell

Crear ran his third person-al best in a row. "I wanted to win. Colin has been undefeated all year and I wanted him to taste second place." "I have respect for him," said Crear, whose personal.

best coming into the season The ISTAF was the last leg of the Golden Four, the track meets in Oslo, Zurich, Brussels and Berlin, which comin track and field, worth abNEW YORK (AP) — What a difference a Grand Slam At Wimbledon in June,

veteran Lori McNeil pulled off the higgest upset of the year when she ousted defending champion Steffi Graf in a first-round match. At the U.S. Open Tues-

day, Graf, the defending champion, sped past her opening-round foe, while McNeil, a Wimbledon semifinalist, fell to Anna Smashnova, playing in only her fourth Grand Slam tournament — all this year.

Graf, top-seeded in the 128-player women's field hut troubled by an aching back, needed only 45 minutes to oust 19-year-old Californian Anne Mall, making her debut at the National Tennis Centre, 6-2, 6-1.

Smashnova, who had to go through qualifying to gain the main draw at the Australian Open in January, shocked McNeil, who is 13th-seeded, 6-2, 6-4.

Fifth-seeded Kimiko Date easily won her first-round match, heating fellow Japanese Rika Hiraki 6-0, 6-2; No. 8 Gabriela Sabanni, the 1990 U.S. Open winner, defeated Larisa Neiland 6-0, 6-I and no. I4 Anke Huber stopped Irina Spirlea of Romania 6-4, 6-2.

Stefan Edberg, twice the men's champion and seeded fifth, brushed past his firstround opponent, defeating fellow Swede Lars Jonsson 7-5, 6-I, 6-I. Another former champion from Sweden, Mats Wilander, fell to Frenchman Guy Forget 7-5.

6-1, 6-4. Graf said her back began hurting her during a tournament in San Diego, "and it got real bad during Montreal. The pain was very strong there.

She said only rest will cure her problem, hut refused to say when she would be able to do that with her busy schedule. "I've got to try to play this

tournament now and play the best I can," and I'll have to see if I take some time off afterwards," Graf said. Sabatini said her game is

better now than when she won this tournament, hut notes she must be "aggressive, attacking all the time, especially today with the way that the players are playing. They're hitting the ball so ard, and if I don't hit the ball hard, I'm not going to win.

It wasn't that long ago, 1989 to be exact, when Graf and fellow German Boris Becker sat atop the world of tennis, having won hoth Wimhledon and the U.S. Open. Only Graf has a

chance to win here this year. Becker could only come up with a long list of excuses after losing to Richey Reneberg, a player more accustomed to success in doubles than singles.

On opening day, which didn't end until shortly after 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, Becker and several other seeded players were knocked out of the year's final Grand Slam tournament.

"They made the court extremely slow this year, especially centre court and the grandstand, and they changed the balls." Becker moaned. "They made them very heavy and very soft, and that is very had for my

What was worst for his game was the play of Re-

"Basically the fifth set was the best set I've ever played in my life," Reneberg said after upsetting the seventh-seeded Becker 6-1, 6-4, 4-6, 1-6, 7-6 (7-5). "I had nothing to lose. I could go for my shots.

"There was no way I could play any better. I was making just about everything,"

It took six match points, hut Reneberg finally prevailed. The winning point coming on a smash that sent the winner's arms skyward and Becker packing.

But he wasn't the only one

Markus Zoecke of Germany ousted No. 2 Goran Ivanisevic 6-2, 7-5, 3-6, 7-5 in the men's singles, while Gigi Fernandez, a Wimhledon semifinalist in July, humped no. I2 Sahine Hack of Germany from the 128-player women's field. And I6thseeded Petr Korda of the Czech Republic withdrew from the tournament with a pulled groin muscle.

Not every seeded player had problems Monday,

Among the men, no. 3 Sergi Bruguera stopped Bryan Shelton 6-0, 6-2, 7-5; no. 6 Michael Chang defeated Andrei Cherkasov 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; no. I2 Wayne Ferreira ousted Wade McGuire /-5, 6-2, 6-2, and no. 13 Thomas Muster beat Daniele Musa 6-3, 6-2, 6-0.



# McEnroe puts his head on the line at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) - When Richard Krajicek was up 6-0 in the fourth-set tiebreak meaning six match points for Krajicek over fellow Dutchman Jan Siemerink - USA Network commentator John McEnroe put his

head on the line. "If he comes back from here I'll stand on my head during the Courier-Krickstein match. I'll call it upside down," McEnroe

McEnroe's tennis talents are well documented. Now he was about to test his

Krajicek, who eventually won the first-round match 7-6 (7-2), 6-4, 6-7 (2-7), 6-7 (8-10), 6-4) in 3 hours, 41 minutes, squandered seven match points in the fourth-set tiehreak.

in the fourth set, McEnroe put aside his supposedly impartial journalistic ethics, stating, "I don't know who wants this more, Richard or me." After Krajicek lost the fourth set, McEn-

When Krajicek had his seventh match point

roe's sidekick, British announcer David Mercer, started to needle McEnroe about his upcoming headstand stint. McEnroe tried to hedge his bet, insisting

that when he said "this" he meant Krajicek winning the match, but not necessarily in that exciting fourth-set tiebreak. Sad seed story: Being top seed at the U.S.

Open doesn't mean Pete Sampras can expect to have his name engraved on the winner's

an ankle injury since competing in the Davis
Cup against the Netherlands in early July.

Emma and a new haby due any day, has had some encouraging results this year, reaching

Sampras is making his first appearance as the No. 1 seed at the open, and in the last 26 years, the top seed has won the title only seven nmes.

Ivan Lendi was the last No. 1 seed in the men's draw to win the title and that was back in 1987 when he did it for the second straight

The other top seeds who fulfilled their. seeding expectations since 1968 are: Rod Laver (1969). Jimmy Connors (1974, 1976)and John McEnroe (1981, 1984).

If Sampras fails to win his first-round match, against South Africa's Kevin Ullyett, he would be the third top seed since the open erabegan in 1968 to be upset in an opening-

In 1971, top seed John Newcombe lost in four sets to Jan Kodes in the first round. In-1990, top seed Stefan Edberg Is st to Alexan. der Volkov in three sets.

Playing for pleasure: Losing in the first round of the U.S. Open hasn't discouraged Mats,

Wilander from wanting to play tennis. "I wanted to play this whole year and he want to play all next year," Wilander said. after his loss to Guy Forget on Tuesday... "That's a long time for me right now to decide that I really want to play another year."

Wilander, the U.S. Open champion in

1988, a year when he attained the No. 1 ranking, is currently enthused about tentals. But after reaching the apex. Wilander found. himself at crossroads — the top player in the world without a strong desire to play." But in April 1993, after a 21/2-year sahhatic-

al, Wilander had a resurgence of interest. The 30-year-old Swede, who lives in Greennn., with his wife Sonya, daughter

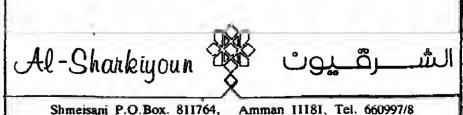
the round of 16 at the Australian Open. Wilander says he's making a comeback because of "pyschological reasons" and is just trying to enjoy himself.



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## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Kuwaiti official dismisses Iraqi overtures

KUWAIT (AP) - Parliament Speaker Ahmed Al Saddoun has dismissed resent Iraqi overtures for reconciliation with the emirate as desperate attempt to end an embargo slapped on Iraq four years ago after it invaded Kuwait. Mr. Saddoun was quoted Wednesday in the daily Al Watan as saying the Saddam Hussein's regime was "trying to misguide the international community and get around international resolutions" by suggesting it was ready to recognise Kuwait's sovereignty. Kuwait has said it would press to keep international sanctions in place until Baghdad complied with U.N. Security Council resolutions, especially those calling on Iraq to recognise Kuwait's sovereignty, endorse a new border drawn after the 1991 Gulf war and release some 620 war prisoners. Kuwaiti newspapers splashed on their front pages news from Cairo that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has received an Iraqi envoy with a message from Saddam that he was willing to comply with these resolutions and bold "reconciliation meetings" in the Egyptian capital. Al Watan echoed Egyptian press reports that Mr. Mobarak and United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan were trying to restore relations between Iraq and Gulf Arab states. The Kuwaiti foreign ministry declined comment on the report, but the parliament speaker said that while Kowait "appreciated and welcomed" such efforts, it was oot willing to accept anything less than full compliance with all U.N. resolutions. The United Nations will decide next month whether to extend or lift the curbs that ban most dealings with Iraq.

### Britain to bar Algerian Islamic leader

LONDON (AFP) - Britain will bar a leader of Algeria's outlawed Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) from giving a lecture here in order not to upset France, which backs the Algiers government, the Guardian reported Wednesday. Quoting British government sources, the daily said that "to avoid an Anglo-French row the authorities intend to refuse a visa to Anwar Haddam on grounds of his alleged support for terrorism." Mr. Haddam, a FIS representative for Europe and the United States, has been invited to lecture on bis movement's view of the Algerian crisis to the Royal Institute of International Affairs on Sept. 21. Interviewed by the Guardian from Washiogton, Mr. Heddam repeated denials that he had joined the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), the most hardbne of the Islamic militants battling the military-backed government in Algiers.

### Missing Finns reported freed by Kurdish rebels

ANKARA (R) — Two Finnish tourists, abducted on Aug. 6 by Kurdish guerrillas, have been released, a newspaper close to the separatist Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) said on Wednesday. The daily Ozgur Ulke said in its late edition that the pair, the first foreigners seized this year, had been freed in Pulmur, in Tunceli province, the same region where they were seized at a roadblock in broad

### Five Somalians found frozen to death in Arctic

OSLO (R) - Five Somalians have been found frozen to death in Arctic Russia, the Norwegian border commissioner said on Wednesday. "The Russians have informed us that five Somalians froze to death in December 1992," Lars Finstad told Renters. He did not know when the bodies were found. The five were discovered some 100 kilometres east of the Norwegian border, well into Russiana territory near Titovka. Asylum-seekers and would-be immigrants have several times tried to cross the desolate Norwegian-Russian border. Norway is the only NATO-member which shared a border with Russia.

## Israel wants halt to N. Korean missile sales to Syrla, Iran

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Israel will ask the United States to step up efforts to stop North Korean long-range missile exports to Iran and Syria, officials told AFP on Wednesday. The foreign ministry deputy director, Eytan Ben Tzur, was scheduled to press the issue with senior U.S. official Robert Galloucci when the two meet on Thursday in Washington, the officials said. Mr. Gallucci resumes negotiations with North Korea next month in Geneva following agreement to normalise relations. Israel cut secret links with Pyongyang last August under pressure from Washington which was trying to force the hardline communists to allow international inspection of its nuclear facilities. In return the American administration pledged to work to put an end to missile sales. "The United States raised the (missile) issue informally during their last meeting with the North Koreans, who totally rejected it," Mr. Ben Tzur told Wednesday's Haaretz newspaper. A foreign ministry official indicated to the daily that Israel could resume contacts with Pyongyang to try to halt the missile sales. "If the United States does not honour its word. Israel will feel free to act as it seems fit," he said. Israel has no dilomatic relations with North Korea.

## israel gets 10 U.S. heiicopters

TEL AVIV (AFP) — The Israeli air force received a shipment of 10 U.S. Black Hawk belicopters Tuesday, military officials said. The latest model manufactured by the firm Sikorasky, the Black Hawks are used for troop transport and are also equipped for ground attack. Their avoinics will be upgraded in Israel. The helicopters were provided through a liquidation of U.S. military stocks. The Black Hawk is capable of transporting 12 fully equipped soldiers or 21 with light equipment. It is armed with two 7.62 millimeter guns and can carry 16 Hell Fire missiles.

## Arafat orders 22 bodyguards jalled

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat ordered 22 of his bodyguards jailed Wednes-day after they opened fire into the air to celebrate a wedding at a beachfront hotel. The guards were attending the wedding of a captain in the special force at the Palestine Hotel, with the guests including Mr. Arafat's sister-in-law and other relatives of senior officials, sources in Gaza said. Around 10 p.m. Tuesday they opened the windows looking out over the beach and let rip with an extended barrage of gunfire, said guests who attended the wedding. An angry Arafat issued the arrest order first thing Wednesday morning and the officers in charge of the corps began rounding up the men and taking them to the central jail. The length of the sentences was not immediately available.

## Lebanon remembers Shi'ite imam

BEIRUT (R) - Shops, banks and businesses closed in most of Lebanon on Wednesday in memory of a revered Lebanese Shi'ite cleric who vanished in 1978 on an official visit to Lihyz. The shutdown was called by Nabih Berri, head of the mainstream Shi'ite Amal Movement and speaker of parliament. Amal is an offshoot of the Movement of the Deprived, the first Lebanese Shi'ite political movement which was founded by Imam Moussa Sadr, the vanished cleric, in the early 1970s. Amal and the Beirut government have accused Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi of responsibility for Moussa Sadr's disappearance. Libya says he vanished after leaving the country.

## Convicted murderer hanged in Syria

DAMASCUS (R) - A 26-year-old Syrian convicted of murder and armed robbery was hanged in Homs, some 200 kilometres north of Damascus, on Wednesday, security sources said. They said Tareq Bin Mohammad Al Refai was convicted of killing Faisal Al Zaim, a jeweller, in an armed robbery against Zaim's jewellery shop in the city on

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## **Israel bars Shaath** from Ibrahimi mosque

HEBRON, Occupied West the mosque. Bank (AFP) - Israeli troops prevented PLO Cooperation Minister Nabil Shaath from entering Hebron's massacre mosque on Wednesday amid a dispute over plans to separate Jews and Muslims at the shrine, correspondents said.

He failed to get past a military soadhlock a day after Israeli MPs toured the Tomb of the Patriarchs which is undergoing alterations to try to prevent a repetition of the Feb. 25 slaughter of murthan 29 Muslims by a Jewish settler.

Mr. Shaath told reporters that Palestinians would not accept Israeli plans to allot one ara for Jews and another for Muslims.

"It's a purely Musbin mos-que. There is nothing inside for the Jews," be said. "Bot anyone can visit ootside Musbm prayer times."

Visiting Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa also criticised the Israeli plans.
"I support the Palestioian

proposal. It's a wrong step that the Israelis have taken and we are going to discuss that," he said after praying at Al Aqsa mosque in Jeru-

Dr. Sbaath toured Hebron botspots, incluiding Jewish stroogbolds, with Mayor Mustafa Natche after arriving onannounced from Gaza

His visit came a day after the Palestioiao Authority announced it would protest to the U.N. Security Council over Israel's "carve-up" in

"Israel has turned the mosque into a ghetto," Dr. Shaath charged.

The Arab press has reported that the mosque would be reopened next week, which officials have denied, with most of the space given over to the Jews. The complex has been closed since the massacre and the Israeli MPs said the build-

Israel has ordered alterations in line with inquiry recommendations to put io closed circuit cameras, separate entrances and prayer balls for Jews and Muslims.

ing work had not been

Mayor Natche called Tuesday for Jews to be prevented from praying in the tomb which Jews were allowed to enter for the first time after Israel captured the West Bank in 1967.

According to the Bible God made a covenant in Hebron with Abraham as father of the chosen people. When he died he was buried alongside his wife in a cave there and later joined by their son Isaac and bis son Jacob.

Jews and Muslims believe the fortress-like tomb, first constructed by Herod the Great around 20 BC, is built over the cave.

The complex bad been a mosque since the Arab conquest of the Holy Land in 638, apart from the Crusader period herween 1100 and 1260.

"We will sign an entry per-mit for her. She will fly in

An Israeli official said Rabin

Israeli Foreign Minister Shi-

mon Peres subsequently said he told Mr. Arafat that Israel

had changed its position, and

agreed to Ms. Bhutto's visit.

Mr. Arafat that "we had no

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A foreign office spokesman

lenee, opposition Likod member Moshe Katsay

charged that the continued

moves to widen autonomy

were "incomprehensible" given the PLO's failure to

"Instead of arresting and

bringing them to justice, they

find shelter in the autonomy

that the government of Israel

gave the PLO," Mr. Katsav

Mr. Rabin, addressing

"We demand that (the

'We supply information,

and they know they are not

doing as much as they can," he added. "If they don't take

steps and terror continues

and they don't make a special

effort, it will weigh heavily on

Israel this week transferred

education authorities in the

West Bank to the Paelsti-

nians, the first extension of

Palestinian authority outside

The next round of talks in

mid-September is supposed

to focus on the timing for the

other authorities to he trans-

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Rabin threatens halt to

authority transfer

thanked Musa for belping to

reach the compromise.

## Pakistan snubs Israel over Bhutto visit

ISLAMABAD (Agencies) — was proposed yesterday — and Pakistan Prime Minister Be- I allowed it — that Egypt give nazir Bhutto has decided not to us ber passport and those of reschedule an aborted visit to her entourage. the Gaza Strip, despite Israel's decision to authorise the trip after three days of wrangling, officials said Wednesday.

"We do not recognise Israeli aothority in the occupied terri- out the problems of the Palestitories. So we do not need their nians and not deal with Israel." permission," a foreign office be said. spokesman said.

Bhutto has called off the visit and, therefore, she is not

going," he said. Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) head Yasser

Arafat issued an invitation to Ms. Bbutto to visit Gaza after Israel granted the Palestinians In Tel Aviv, Israeli Prime

Minister Yitzhak Rabin, trying to defuse the diplomatic flap with Pakistan, gave bis permission on Wednesday for Ms. Bbutto to visit Gaza. Mr. Rabin had previously

said the "lady from Pakistan" had to be taught some manners after she announced she would go to Gaza on September 4 without approval by Israel. which still controls access to

But in a compromise crossing into Gaza to prepare reached with Egypt's help, the for Ms. Bbutto's visit. Pakistani prime minister will he able to enter Gaza by air here said io reference to Israel from Egypt without having to that: "It does not heboove deal personally with Israel"," someone who is io illegal Mr. Rabin said after talks with occupation of another people's visiting Egyptian Foreign land to display such arro-Minister Amr Musa.

"She declares, 'I don't want to see any Israeli. I don't recogthat Israel has any authority in nise Israel'," Mr. Rabin told a the occupied territories. meeting of legislators from his Therefore, we do not need any abour Party. permission from Israel to go to "She could have done what Gaza," he said. Labour Party.

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Palestinians have killed I1

Israelis since the aotonomy

went into effect in the Gaza

Strip and Jericho on May 18.

assailants have escaped into

the autonomous zones, hut

no charges bave been filed.

The Islamie Resistance

Movement, or Hamas.

claimed responsibility for

Israelis were especially

angered by the death of two

construction workers last Fri-

day which took place inside

That put even the staunch-

est peace advocates in the

government like Mr. Sarid on

without a feeling that some-

thing is being done to control

it, it could also make matters

explode." said Mr. Sarid, re-

The violence added to a

popularity squeeze already

felt by Mr. Rabin's two-year-

old cabinet. Last week a poll

in the Yedioth Ahronoth dai-

ly showed Mr. Rabin's

approval rating bad dropped

to 45 per cent, only one point

ahead of bis main right-wing

In a special parliament de-

bate Wednesday oo the vio-

rival, Benjamin Netanyahu.

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"If terrorism continues

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## Egypt, Israel remain divided over nuclear weapons, peace with Syria full peace with Syria. on, "we shall eventually achieve a kind of agreement TEL AVIV (AFP) - Egyp-The Egyptian minister had talks with Prime Minister Yit-

Picture taken on Tuesday of a mural located in IRA amnounced a total ceasefire beginning the Catholic area of Ardoyne, Beifast depicts a Wednesday at midnight. See page 1 story (AFP woman (Ireland) and the dove of peace. The photo)

tian foreign Minister Amr Musa ended Wednesday a two-day visit here openly differing with Israel over miclear arms control in the re-

gion and peace with Syria.

Mr. Musa opposed statements by Israeli Foreign
Minister Shimon Peres on both issues, but he kept the door open and pledged furth-

"I would say the oppo-site," Mr. Musa told reporters, after Mr. Peres said peace must first be established io the Middle East before Israel could contemplate signing the noclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

"We cannot achieve peace without arms control, which would contribute to the re-Egypt in a plane and will land gion with better security, in Gaza, and I hope she will answered Mr. Musa, the first speak with the Palestinians ab-Egyptian foreign minister to pay an official visit to Israel since a peace treaty was signed in 1979.

> He tore down Mr. Peres's example of being unable to build the second floor of a bouse without a ground floor built on peace.

"The logic of Mr. Peres of preed to Ms. Bhutto's visit. how to build a house... we Mr. Peres said be had told can build the whole house

to start launching a regional process.

Experts from Egypt, which has signed the treaty, will meet to a month with Israelis to continue talks on weapons of mass destruction. In multilateral arms con-

trol talks, Egypt has pressed Israel to join the treaty in the 1995 renewal session and open its nuclear facilities to international inspection. Foreign reports say Israel

has developed ouclear arms, but the government's official position is that "Israel will not be the first to introduce nuclear arms to the Middle On conditions for peace

with Syria, Mr. Peres reiterated Israel's stand that Damascus must commit itself to total peace with open borders before expecting Israel to negotiate a withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Mr. Peres said he favoured both open and secret talks with Syria.

"The Syrians did not agree, neither to the first nor to the second (talks)," he

Mr. Musa has called for "all for all," and urged Israel

However, Mr. Musa went Golan Heights in return for pleased to go.

Palestinian officials in East Jerusalem on Wednesday. He said the future of the Holy City, which both Israel and the Palestinians claim as their capitals, remained open to negotiation.

zhak Rabin and also met with

Bot Mr. Peres took up the question at the news confer-ence, and said "for us Jerusalem is not a question now, it is part of Israel and is closed politically but open

rebgiously."
Mr. Musa visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem,

He went with Mr. Peres into the children's section dedicated to the bundreds of thousands of yoongsters among the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis.

His origical programme had not included the haunting hill-top tribute on the edge of Jerusalem, threatening to sour the first official visit to Israel hy. Cairo's top diplomat since the peace

But after talks with Peres on Tuesday, Mr. Masa changed bis mind and

## France deports 20 Algerian Islamists to Burkina Faso

PARIS (R) — France on Wednesday deported to Bur-kina Faso 20 of 26 Algerians interned in a crackdown on Islamists after the killing of five Freeb nationals in Algiers nearly a month ago,

officials said. The interior ministry, announcing the expulsion. would not disclose the destination. But a government official who asked not to he named said they were on their way to the impoverished

West African country. The Algerians had been held for op to nearly a month at a disused army camp in the village of Folembray northeast of Paris pending their expulsion to a third country.

"The country of destination having been decided, the expulsions were carried out today for 20 of the 26 people ooder forced residence at Folembray," the interior ministry said.

It said the six others would remain under sorveillance "according to the needs of public order."

The ministry did not say who staved and who went. leaving even the detainees' lawyers guessing where their clients were.

Officials said moderate Paris imam (preacher) Larbi Kechat was among those who stayed in France. Lawyers said shopkeeper Said Magri, who was on a hunger strike to

protest his innocence, was being returned to his home in the oorthern town of Lille. Interior Minister Charles Pasqua said the expulsions were intended as a message to Muslim militants in France to refrain from political activ-

"I hope this will serve as a lesson for those who do not want to respect the laws of the republic and hospitality."

The Algerians were taken under beavy guard to the bleak Folembray army camp in successive police swoops after Muslim guerrillas killed three French gendarmes and two embassy staff in a French housing compound in Algiers on Aug. 3.

### California State Senate allows knives in schools

SACRAMENTO, California (AP) — A bill to allow children of the Sikh religion to practice.

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## Peace treaty follows resolution of issues

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Jordan, the King said he discussed with the French leader issues of common concern and difficulties facing the Kingdom noting that Jordan had shouldered heavy burdens thronghout the past years in view of its closeness to the Palestine question and the Palestinian people. "In view of the changes in

the region I hope to see people feel that we are at the threshold of a new era, entirely different from that of the past," he added. Asked about the negotia-

tions on the Syrian and Lebanese tracks the King said that these and other issues were discussed and "we presented our views," hoping that there will be progress on the other tracks.
"We are dealing with

Jordanian issues as did the Egyptians and the Palestinians before, and we hope that all other parties would follow suit so that there will be a comprehensive peace," be said.

Asked whether he expected a meeting soon with President Hafez Assad of Syria, the King said "We always meet and we bave been all the time in constant contact over matters regard-

President Assad is informed of our intentions and our moves, and I said at our last meeting that he might have a longer time frame in mind than others, but we have to move and he is moving too." He added: "Hopefully we will meet shortly because we cherish strong brotherly rela-tions that would enable us to offer a hetter service in the coming stages."

ing the future. I believe that

Jordan Television reported last night that King Hussein discussed with the French president Franco-Jordanian relations and progress on the Jordanian-Israeli peace track as well as the end of the state of war with Israel.

JTV said that the King explained that Jordan was seeking the full implementation of U.N. Security Council resolutions and the restoration of the Kingdom's legitimate rights. It said that the King under-

lined the important role of France with regard to the Middle East region at this crucial stage. The French President ex-

pressed full understanding of the Jordanian position and appreciation, for the King's efforts.JTV reported.

Before meeting with the presideot, the Kiog met

French Prime Mioister

Edooard Balladur. The French premier bosted a lunch in the King's honour attended by the official Jordanian delegation. King Hussein also met with

the French defence minister who voiced France's backing for Jordan. The minister said he instructed Defence Ministry officials to promote bilateral cooperation in military matters and increase the exchange of visits by military personnel and military mis-

The defence minister expressed hope that Jordan and France will sign a cooperation treaty before the end of 1994, noting that France will continue to provide all forms of aid to the Kingdom.

Later Wednesday, Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor left for London on a private visit accompanied by Their Royal Highnesses Prince Hamzeh and Prince Hashem, Chief Chamberlain Prince Raad Ben Zeid and Senator Jamai Nas-

Other members of the delegation included Chief of the Royal Court Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, the King's political advisor Marwan Al Qassem, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Talal Al Hassan and Minister of Indostry and Trade Rima Khalaf.



## Man charged with threatening to kill Clinton

FALMOUTH. Massaebussetts (AFP) — A construction worker was charged with threatening to kill President Bill Clinton after be told a ticket agent be was travelling to Martha's Vineyard to carry out the assassination, police said. Glenn Armstrong, 26. of Uxbridge, Massachussetts, was taken into custody Monday at a ferry terminal that offers passenger service to the island where Mr. Clioton and family are vacationing. Police said he told a ticket agent he needed to kill the president. The self-employed worker was charged with threatening to committ murder, said Secret Service agent Mike Jobnston who refused to say whether Mr. Armstrong was armed. White Hoose spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers confirmed the arrest of an unnamed man at a briefing Tuesday but would not comment further. Mr. Clinton spent most of Monday indoors due to bad weather apart from going out for dinner at the home of author William Styron.

#### Civii rights heroine Parks assauited

DETROIT. Michigan (AFP) - Rosa Parks, whose act of defiance on a bus earned her the title of "mother of the civil rights movement" was assaulted in her bome Tuesday by a man who hroke into her home, police said. Ms. Parks, 81, was treated for facial injories sustained in the attack and was later released from hospital. She was upstairs in her home during the evecing when she heard a noise downstairs and went to investigate, police said. Ms. Parks found a man reeking of alcohol on the premises. He told ber someone else had knocked down the door and that be was there to protect ber. But be then hit her in the face and fled with about \$50. No arrest bad been made by late Tuesday. Ms. Parks was 42 when she challenged the repressive U.S. racial segregation laws of the 1950s by refusing to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama bus when a white man asked her to. An active member of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, Ms. Parks was jailed, a measure which trig-gered a year-long boycott of the bus line and the eventual desegregation of the buses. Her act was an inspiration to many others in the civil rights for blacks movement over the next two decades.

### Solzhenitsyn rejects prize

MOSCOW (AP) — Alexander Solzhenitsyn has refused a literature prize from a Russian nationalist organisation. saying other candidates need the award more, the Komsomolskaya Pravda newspaper reported. The Tolstroy Prize was created in 1992 by members of the nationalist Writers' Union of Russia and the Golos Publishing House. Mr. Sulzhenitsyn, who returned to his native Russia in May after 20 years of exile abroad, bas tried to step clear of political groups since his return. Previous Tolstoy Prize winners include such activist nationalist authors as Vasily Belov and Yori Bondarev, but Pyotr Aleshkin, chairman of the jury, said contenders were not judged on their political views. "Solzhenitsyn is convinced that the other candidates need the prize more than he does." said Aleshkin. Winners of the Tolstoy Prize get 10 million ruhles (\$5,000).

wear ceremonial daggers to school won unanimous passage this week in the California State Senate. The bill. passed on a 30-0 vote Monday, must be signed by the California governor hefore becoming law. The daggers, known as Kirpans, are prohibited onder state law forbidding knives with blades longer than 21/2 inches (6.3 centimetres) on school grounds. The bill would allow students to carry knives that are part of a recognised religious